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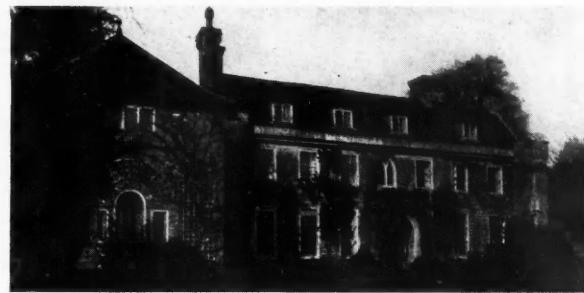
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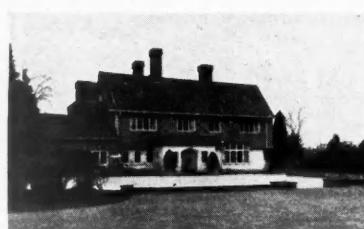


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Main electric light.

GARAGE WITH FLAT.

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Main electric light and power. Main water is laid on to cottage, buildings and land.

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With views of the river.



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9 miles from Ashford, on the outskirts of a picturesque village.

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Only 2 miles from seaside town.

PICTURESQUE GEORGIAN RESIDENCE
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Spacious hall, 3 reception rooms, study, 6 principal bed and dressing rooms arranged in suites with basins, 3 staff bedrooms, 4 bathrooms. Central heating. Main electric light and power. Ample water supply. Garages, stabling. Attractive gardens and kitchen garden with tennis court. 3 excellent service cottages. Ample farm buildings. In all about 182 ACRES FREEHOLD WITH POSSESSION

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Main services.

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SMALL FARMERY.

6½ ACRES

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In evenly undulating country, not far from bus route and village.

WELL BUILT AND EQUIPPED MODERN HOUSE IN A DELIGHTFUL SITUATION

3 reception rooms, 6 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms. Staff flat.

OIL-FIRED
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THROUGHOUT.

Main electric light and power. Main water.

GARAGE FOR 3 CARS. Picturesque but economical grounds intersected by a stream.

Productive kitchen garden
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NEARLY 7 ACRES

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Modern domestic offices. Main electric light, gas and water.

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Views to South Shropshire Hills.

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IN ALL ABOUT 77 ACRES

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Outbuildings with self-contained flat.

Exceptionally lovely garden, and protecting woodland, orchard, 2 greenhouses, etc.

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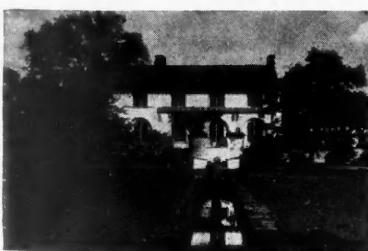
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NEARLY 5 ACRES

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IN FIRST-RATE ORDER, WITH COMPLETE CENTRAL HEATING AND MAIN ELECTRICITY AND WATER.

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17th-Century House on the outskirts of a picturesque village.



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Main electricity, gas and water.

CENTRAL HEATING.

Well-planned gardens and grounds.

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Good water supply.

Beautiful garden, orchard, paddock, 2 excellent cottages. Stabling. Garage for three.

In all nearly 6 ACRES



FOR SALE WITH VACANT POSSESSION

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Beautiful position, with glorious views.

MODERN QUEEN ANNE STYLE HOUSE

Excellently appointed, and in first-class order; 11 bed., 3 bath., large lounge hall, 4 reception rooms (all with polished oak floors); main water and electric light, central heating, stabling, cottage, kitchen gardens and paddocks.

27 ACRES. TWO ADJOINING FARMS AVAILABLE

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A MOST ATTRACTIVE, MODERN RESIDENCE

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Main electric light, power and water. Modern drainage.

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MODERN HOUSE

Well appointed throughout, in excellent order.



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Beautiful garden, with lawns.

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Dining hall, 3 reception rooms. Private chapel. 7

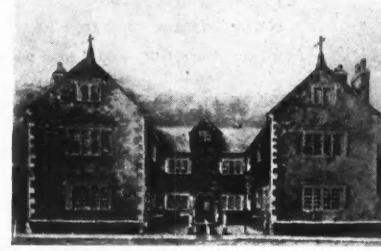
bedrooms, bathroom.

Main drainage.

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CHARMING HALF-TIMBERED 16th-CENTURY
RESIDENCE

in good order throughout and situated in fascinating village full of character houses; 1 mile station, 1 hour London.



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FREEHOLD POSSESSION

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with modern conveniences, entrance and lounge halls, 3 reception rooms, music room, 5 best bed, and dressing room, 4 bathrooms, 5-6 Staff bedrooms (suitable as a flat). Garages. Good cottage. Heated glass. Old-world gardens, walled kitchen garden, large meadow.

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in splendid order, ready to step into.

On the outskirts of an unspoilt village with beautiful country views.



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2 GARAGES.

Main drainage, Co.'s electric light, gas and water. Old-world garden forming a delightful setting.

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GLORIOUS SURREY HILLS

A delightful situation with distant views, about 700 ft. above sea level.

CHARMING FREEHOLD RESIDENCE

Outer and inner halls, 3 reception rooms, 7 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms.

Co.'s electric light, gas and water.

Radiator.

Capital cottage.

2 GARAGES.

Other useful outbuildings. Grounds of great beauty, easy to maintain. Shrubs, tennis and other lawns.

Kitchen garden.



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(Entrance in Sackville Street)

SECLUDED POSITION

on Kent, Surrey and Sussex borders, between Westerham and East Grinstead, one hour London.

SMALL TUDOR LUXURY RESIDENCE



With fine oak beams and other features, skilfully restored and modernised. Lounge hall, 3 reception rooms, 5 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, excellent offices with Aga cooker. Central heating. Main services. 2 garages. Cottage converted from east house with sitting-room, 3 bedrooms and bathroom. Studio. Fully stocked and very lovely gardens.

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ATTRACTIVE SMALL MODERN HOUSE

In a secluded and delightfully wooded rural position. Panelled hall, cloakroom,

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MAIN WATER. ELECTRIC LIGHT AND POWER.

Brick garage for 2 cars.

Well-timbered garden, tennis.

ABOUT ONE ACRE

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Solicitors: Messrs. WEDLACE SAINT & Co., 420, Seven Sisters Road, London, N.4.

Illustrated auction particulars from Messrs. BATTY AND STEVENS, 9, High Street, Barnet, Herts. (Barnet 4545). and F. L. MERCER & Co., 40, Piccadilly, W.1. REGent 2481.

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Facing south with long drive approach. Perfectly secluded on two floors only. 3 large reception, music or billiard room, 8 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, maids' sitting room. Central heating. Main services. Fine old barn. 2 garages. Superior modern cottage. Delightful gardens with large swimming pool, tennis courts, woodland, and paddocks.

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On fringe of village, two miles from the county town.

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PARTIAL CENTRAL HEATING.
MAIN SERVICES.

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With yachting and boating facilities immediately to hand.

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THE SUPERBLY CONSTRUCTED MODERN MANSION

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Garden and paddock.

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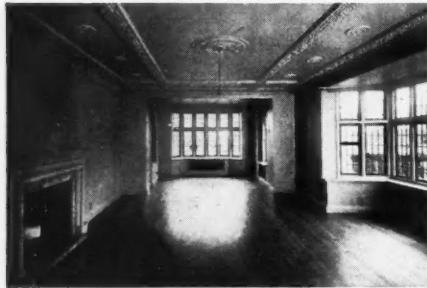
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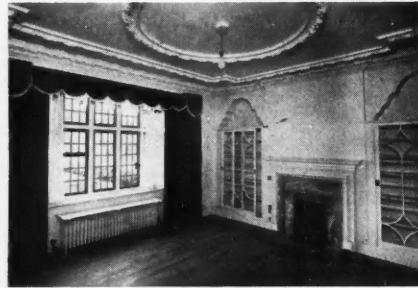
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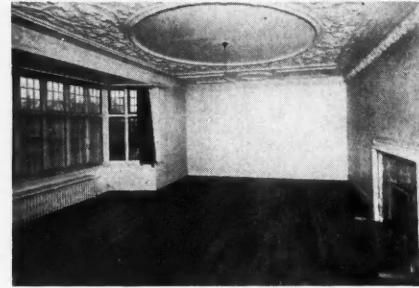
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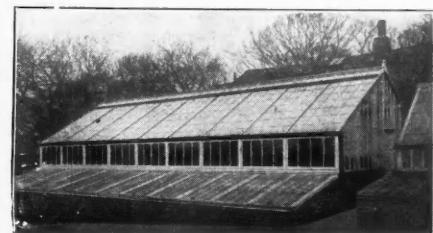
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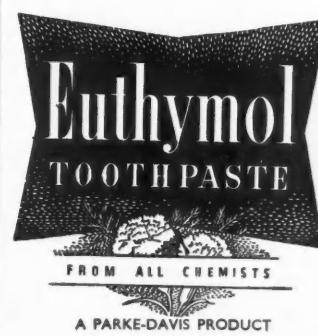
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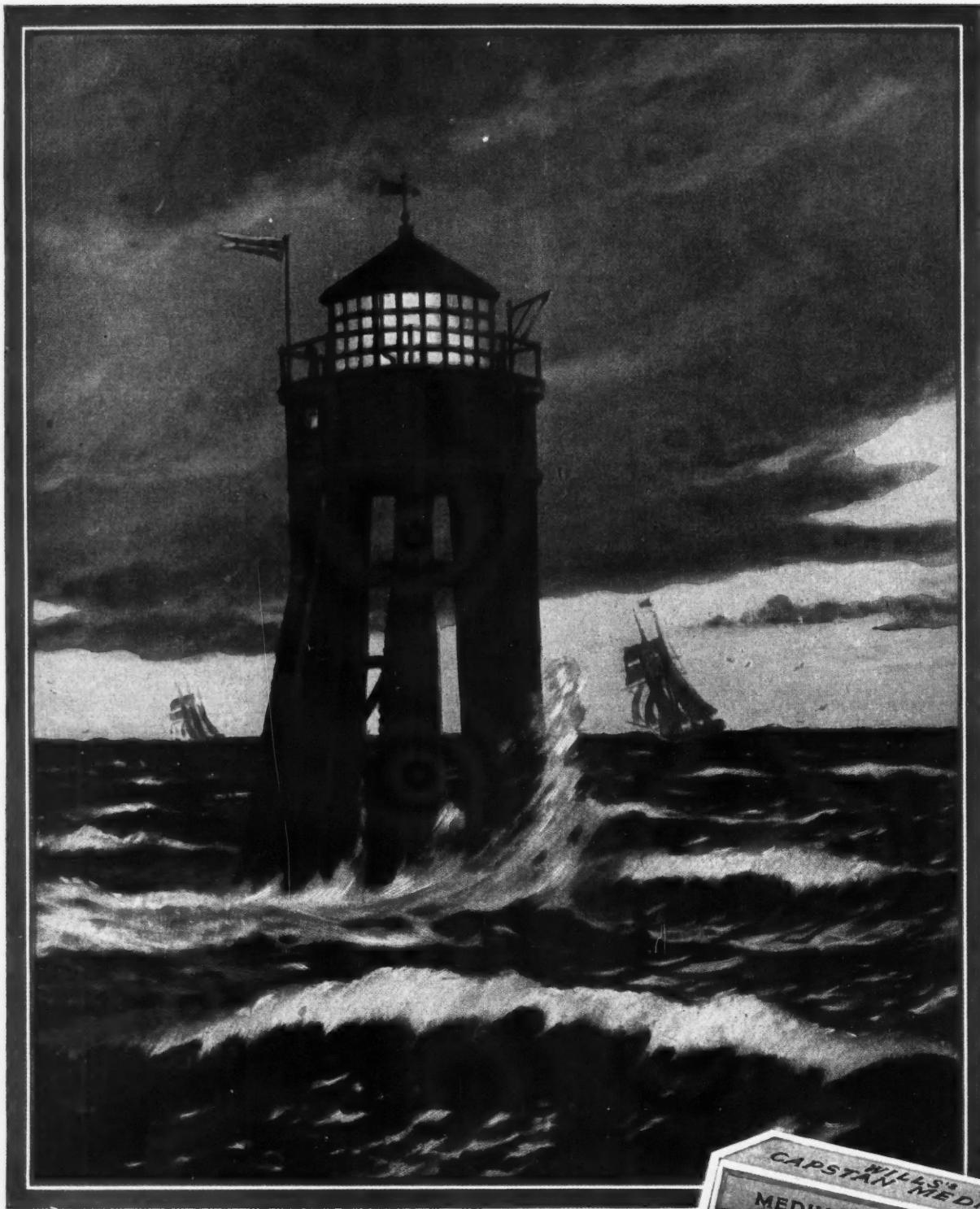
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A BRITISH FLORALIES?

THE great Ghent flower show known as the Floralies, which has been held every five years (with war-time interruptions) since 1837, has this year received much publicity in this country as well as on the Continent and in America. Undoubtedly, it is a very fine show and one well calculated to draw crowds and comment from many countries, but we would maintain that even as a spectacle it is not superior to our own Chelsea Flower Show. As a collection of plants and flowers of interest to gardeners, it is, indeed, far inferior to Chelsea, for the Floralies are dominated by comparatively few kinds of plants, mostly those favoured by florists. If the azaleas and hydrangeas and the numerous exhibits of orchids and hothouse flowers were withdrawn there would be little left. At Chelsea not only is there a much greater variety of plants, but also the major proportion are hardy and suitable for cultivation anywhere.

The point of this comparison is that despite its obvious merits the English show does not attract anything like the Press interest that was shown in the Belgian show. It may be argued that Chelsea is organised by a society of amateur gardeners mainly for the benefit of amateurs, whereas Ghent is run by professionals for professionals. That is largely true, but there is little doubt that the Chelsea show would be capable of attracting quite as much foreign trade to this country as the Floralies undoubtedly does to Belgium. In our present financial difficulties that is a point we cannot afford to overlook. If the Royal Horticultural Society is not interested in the commercial possibilities of horticulture, nurserymen themselves might organise a British show on lines designed to attract buyers as well as visitors from all parts of the world.

Where should such a show be held? Obviously not in the gardens of the Royal Pensioners' Hospital, at Chelsea, which has already, without many overseas visitors, become crowded to the point of acute discomfort. Yet it would need to be held in London if it were to be really successful. Could it be held in Battersea Park? There are always good reasons for preserving parks for their original purpose, but it may be remembered in the case of Battersea that a large part of it was turned over to allotments during the war, that it has already been used successfully for exhibitions, that it is well situated from a traffic point of view, and that it is to play an important part in the Festival of Britain next year.

UNDERMINED HOUSES

A BILL of considerable interest to all property owners and tenants in mining areas received its Second Reading last week, though whether in the political circumstances of to-day it is likely to get much farther remains to be

seen. In many districts during the past half century thousands of undermined houses—often whole streets—have been hopelessly damaged by subsidence, and there is no more than a hope that greater precautions and better planning will prevent such collapse in the future. It is estimated, to take an instance, that a large area of Stoke-on-Trent will sink between fifteen and twenty feet in the next fifty years. Circumstances have changed greatly since the Royal Commission of 1927 dealt with the matter, and last year the Turner Committee proposed that the National Coal Board should, in future, provide compensation for every surface interest damaged by subsidence, the cost to the Coal Board, including its present liabilities being estimated at about £3 million a year. Under the liabilities inherited from previous owners, the Coal Board now pays about £1 million. The Coal Mining (Subsidence) Bill, described by the Government as "less ambitious," proposes to

and spire. The loveliness of Salisbury spire, so often painted by Constable, is known all over the world, and there can hardly fail to be an overwhelming response to this S.O.S. Donations should be sent to Canon A. F. Smethurst the Hungerford Chantry, 54, The Close, Salisbury.

LIVESTOCK ON FARMS

RETURNS made by farmers at the beginning of March show that all classes of farm livestock have increased in numbers during the past year. We have still more dairy cows, and it is good to see also better figures for store stock that will one day make beef. The calf-rearing subsidy, which costs the taxpayer £7,000,000 a year, is showing its effect. There are more breeding ewes, but with a total of just over 5,000,000 in England and Wales we are still short of 2,000,000 breeding ewes compared with the days before the war. Breeding flocks are also increasing, but as yet we only have three for every five we had in 1939. There are more fowls this year, but not so many as before the war. Horses continue to dwindle in numbers and there are now fewer than 400,000 on farms in England and Wales compared with 840,000 before the war. Tractors, as we are so often told, have multiplied from 55,000 in 1939 to 300,000 now.

PROBLEMS OF THE DAY

CREATURES killed by bees last summer included three turkeys and one horse. This year a goat is alleged to have been stung to death, but the bees' owner contested the charge when it was brought to court, with a statement that the smell of goats was offensive to bees. While an English Solomon was tackling this problem, a Canadian judge was busy with a claim by a mink farmer who wanted more than £4,000 from an air-line because (he said) a low-flying aeroplane had caused such a frenzy among his mink that 200 kits were devoured by their mothers. Doubtless some low-flying planes might be welcome in Iceland, where mink descended from escaped specimens have wrought such havoc among ground-nesting birds; but low-flying planes used by photographers have been in trouble in Africa also, for frightening much larger and wilder game than mink. The problems of responsibility in matters of these kinds seem prodigious to any layman—even more difficult than what constitutes mental cruelty when an American film star is using the term in petition for divorce. But perhaps there are here illustrations of two antithetic tags—times change and we change with them, and the more things change the more they are the same. To-day there are suits about low-flying planes, whereas yesterday there were suits about the diversion of water for water-milling. The bees remain much the same, for they must have killed hens and ducks and geese in the centuries before we received turkeys from the New World.

THE FORTUNES OF DEAL

IT is to be hoped that Deal's luck has changed at last, and that this truly noble golf course will be no longer a plaything for the elements. Twice it has been chosen as the venue of the Open Championship and then the sea has come flooding in to drown all hopes. Last week the English Amateur Championship was played there, and the snow, snow incredibly enough in the last days of April, caused the Tuesday's play to be postponed. When on the Wednesday morning those living inland in Kent saw their branches broken down and hard on a foot of snow on the lawn, they may have thought that Deal's fate was sealed. But then the immortals, having enjoyed sufficient sport with Deal, relented; there was a little rain and a strong wind, but there was mercifully no more snow. The qualifying rounds were not only played out, but one of the players, P. F. Scrutton, went round in 69. This is a score round Deal at full stretch which would be beaten by very, very few if all the best professionals were playing there in the weather. In the circumstances it was an astonishing achievement. It will make this championship as memorable as will the unseasonable snowstorm and Langley's desperate victory.

A COUNTRYMAN'S NOTES

By

Major C. S. JARVIS

THE inevitable blackthorn winter was rather more unpleasant than usual this spring, and I suppose last week's heavy fall of snow in the south was a gesture on the part of the temperature to come into line with the quite exceptional show of white flowers that were to be seen in all the hedgerows. A Frenchman, who came to stay with me one year during April, and who asked what was the name of the small tree that provided the wondrous show of snowy-white blossom along the lanes, was vastly amused when he heard that it was known as the blackthorn. He said he had spent the last part of his life trying to understand the British way of seeing things, and was not surprised that he had failed when he learnt that we killed the bush which provided the whitest flowers he had ever seen the blackthorn.

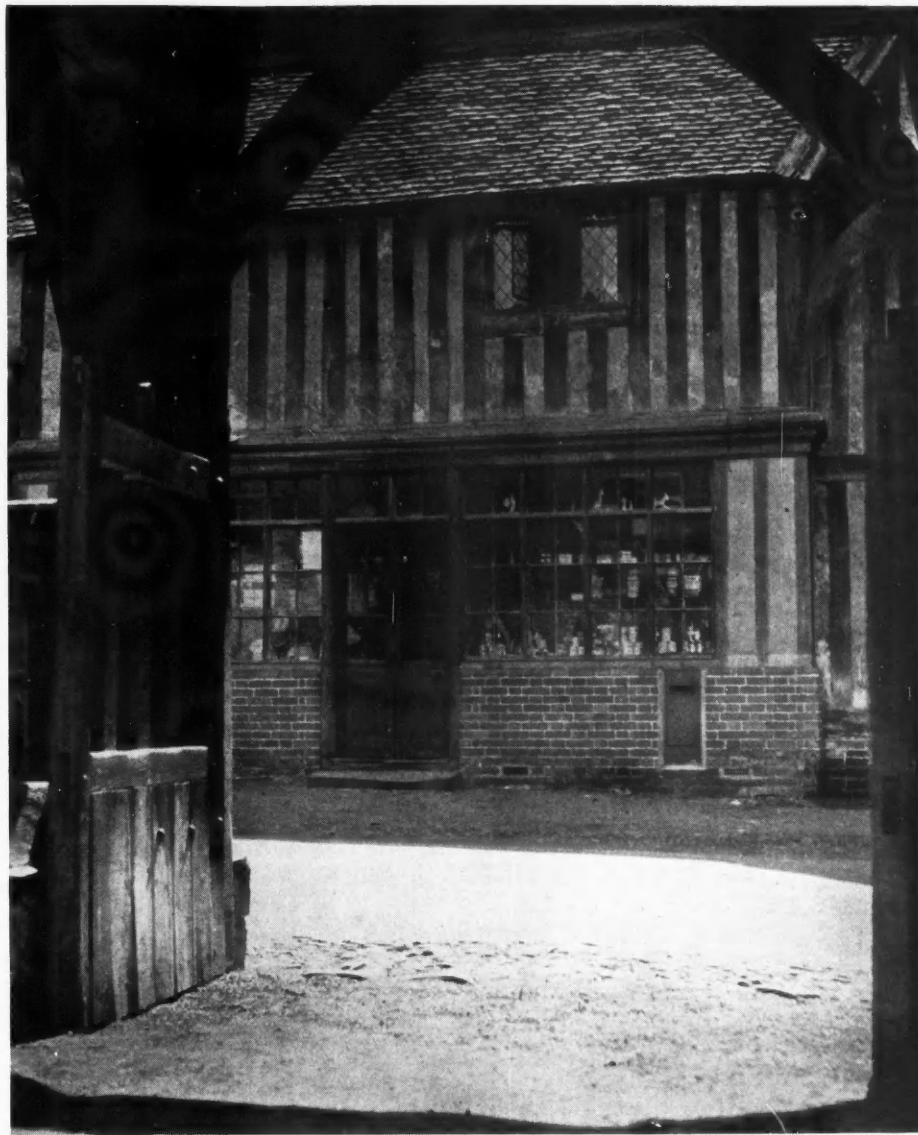
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WITH the end of April and the approach of the may-fly season the trout fisherman should examine the tackle box in which he keeps the special flies ordained for the short period when the insect is on the water, and which he confidently believes is so well filled with them that there will be no necessity to buy any more. He will probably be surprised to find that he has been taking an optimistic view of the situation, since he has forgotten that windy day towards the end of last season's hatch when he put so many of his stock firmly into the willow bushes and rushes on the opposite bank, or the evening with the green drakes when the voracious salmon parr succeeded in snapping off from the fine gut most of the best specimens. There are also those occasions when one finds that, owing to lack of proper precautions, the clothes moth has been busy in the various compartments all the winter, with the result that most of the more expensive flies are without wings or hackles. And what a good judge of quality the moth is! It has often occurred to me how useful a trained clothes moth would be if employed to give its expert opinion of various cloths when one is selecting the material for a new shooting suit at one's tailors. There would never be the slightest risk of one's being supplied with an inferior or shoddy imitation of a Harris or West of England tweed, for no clothes moth has ever been known to look at anything but the best.

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ONE way and another these various discoveries mean a visit to the fishing-tackle shop, and when the many trays of may-flies are brought out for one's inspection one realises what a great number of varieties there are. Whites, greens, pale yellows and browns with bronze or black pencilling, and bodies of straw, quill and silk—however carefully one may select one's purchases one can be almost certain that, when the real may-fly starts hatching, the variety one sees fluttering down on the surface of the water is of the type that one neglected to buy when one had the opportunity.

I must admit that since a Highland fishing keeper came to function on one of our southern rivers the trouble about finding in my tackle box the exact pattern of the may-fly on the water no longer worries me. This Scottish exile ties for me a smallish hackle fly of his own invention, which is of a pale yellowish-green colour with a brown barred body, and which appears to cover all varieties since it seems to meet with the approval of the trout whatever type of fly may be floating down on the stream. I often wonder how we should get on without the help of the Scots, but I suppose, if they do get that independence of their country for which some of their candidates stand at election times, a number of them would still come south to show us how to run things properly.



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IN the correspondence columns of a newspaper I recently read a letter from an American ornithologist who lives in Florida, in which he suggests that the depredations by blue tits in this country may possibly be due to intoxication caused by eating fermenting berries. In other words, the tits, having had "one over the eight" on the over-ripe berries growing in the hedgerows, then enter the house through one of the windows in the same sort of hilarious mood as is apparent among undergraduates on Boat Race night when they sally forth into Piccadilly after dinner, with the result that paper is torn in strips from the walls, bindings of books are damaged and vellum lamp-shades are pecked into holes.

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THIS American correspondent states that the yellow-bellied sapsucker of Florida acts in a very queer and unaccountable manner when the berries are ripe and fermenting in the woods, and that its behaviour is attributed to alcoholic excess.

This is an ingenious explanation, but though it may be true in the case of the yellow-bellied sapsucker, I do not think it applies to our blue tits, since much of the damage they do occurs at a period of the year when there are no berries in the hedgerows and woods whatsoever, and nothing that grows in the countryside is in a state of fermentation. Also, although I have found butterflies and bees in a state of drunkenness, I have never seen any birds of the garden suffering from the effects of addiction to alcohol. I say birds of the garden advisedly, since I had an Australian cockatoo once who would have

considerably more than one sip from any cocktail glass that he came across during his wanderings round the table.

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A PROMINENT voice that one hears in the garden at this time of the year is the high-pitched hurried song of the wren, and it always seems to me that the volume of sound this small bird emits is out of all proportion to its size. Seeing that the body of the wren is little bigger than a half-crown, one marvels how its minute vocal organs can produce such loud and penetrating notes, and perhaps it is just as well for the peace of the garden that the bird is not as big as a rook or wood-pigeon.

I think it is generally accepted now that most birds sing in spring, not so much because they are enjoying the weather, which is often most inclement and not worth singing about, but because they are asserting their rights to certain areas that they have taken over for the nesting season and are warning other birds to keep off. Both the blackbird and the thrush at daybreak and towards sunset indulge in lengthy legal arguments with regard to ownership of property and the cock chaffinch constantly repeats a short sentence that sounds very much like "This is my land and trespassers will be prosecuted," but when the small wren flits out of the wood-pile on one's approach, and, perching on a near-by twig, hurries through his shrill little piece, one has only to look at the expression on his face to realise that not only is he telling one to get off his private property at once, but also that he is extremely annoyed at one's repeated intrusions.

LUTON HOO AND THE WERNHER COLLECTION

By GORDON NARES

Luton Hoo, Bedfordshire, containing one of the most important private collections of objets d'art in England, was opened to the public yesterday by Major-General Sir Harold Wernher, Bart., and Lady Zia Wernher

ONE day in June, 1781, Dr. Johnson and the ubiquitous Boswell visited the Earl of Bute's newly-built seat at Luton Hoo, whose curious name probably derives from *hoh*, meaning a heel, or piece of ground projecting into a more level area. In the course of the afternoon the Doctor castigated botanical gardens—"is not *every* garden a botanical garden?"—shrubberies, and, as usual, Boswell, but the house met with his approval, and the pictures were "beyond expectation, beyond hope." His visit took place during the heyday of the country house visitor, a species that was by no means confined to the well-known diarists and memoir-writers, such as Celia Fiennes, Defoe, or Mrs. Lybbe Powys, but appears to have included a host of casual sightseers, who knocked at the door, presented their cards, asked for admittance—and left no record behind them. As late as 1817 Mr. Joseph Farington arrived unannounced at John Nash's home in the Isle of Wight, East Cowes Castle, and wrote afterwards in his diary: "The servant then told us we might pass through the opposite room, the Drawing-room, in which was Mr. Nash with company, and we only passed through the middle of the room to the Conservatory. Mr. Nash bowed." But the generation that succeeded Nash's did not encourage strangers to troop through its drawing-rooms, and the Victorian era saw an end of the unheralded country house sightseer. He has, however, come into his own again in the years following the last war, since when numerous owners of country houses have generously thrown open their doors to the public.

Among the important houses that are open this year for the first time are three such contrasting examples of English domestic architecture as Seaton Delaval, in Northumberland, Syon House, just outside London, and Luton Hoo, on the Bedfordshire border between Luton and Harpenden. But whereas at Seaton Delaval it is the eerie magnificence of Vanbrugh's masterpiece, and at Syon the splendour of Robert Adam's interiors that will impress the spectator, at Luton Hoo he will be regaled with the astonishingly catholic contents of the house,



1.—LUTON HOO FROM THE SOUTH-WEST

comprising the famous Wernher Collection, which contains nearly two thousand items and is comparable with some of the great private collections in America.

Not that the house itself is architecturally uninteresting. It was designed by Adam for the 3rd Earl of Bute, George III's unpopular Prime Minister, who bought the property from a Mr. Herne in 1762. Luton Hoo had previously belonged to a family named Napier, descended from Sir Robert Napier, an affluent merchant whom James I honoured with a visit in 1611, shortly after which, so it is said, the King introduced "straw plaiters from Scotland" into the district, thus founding Luton's staple industry of hat-making. The Napiers built a brick mansion on the site, and it was this house that Adam was commissioned to alter.

Many of his drawings, not only of the house itself but also of its furniture and fittings, are preserved in the Soane Museum. It appears that Bute first toyed with the idea of a house in the Gothic taste, but the Classic style prevailed,

and work began about 1767. At the same time a suitably landscaped setting was conjured up by Capability Brown, who dammed the River Lea, on the eastern boundary of the park, and formed a large serpentine lake, which can still be seen to-day. His scheme was not viewed with approval by Mrs. Delany, who visited Luton Hoo with the Duchess of Portland in 1774, and commented: "It would be better if there were a greater command of the river, and if Mr. Brown had not turned all the deer out of the park." But for the house she was full of praise (with certain sensible reservations), although it is clear from her account that building operations were by no means finished, and that a considerable part of the older house still remained standing. Indeed, there is some doubt as to how much ever was completed in accordance with the plans and elevations as they appear in the sumptuous *Works in Architecture of Robert and James Adam*.

The interior of the house, as will be shown shortly, has been completely altered, but the periphery of the plan—a double T with rounded ends to the cross-strokes—remains much as Adam conceived it. And if one disregards the refenestration and substitutes in the mind's eye a shallow central dome for the existing top-hamper on the roof, the elevations still show many points of resemblance with the engravings in the *Works*. The most obvious divergence from the published plans is on the west or entrance front, where Adam envisaged an extended colonnade of Corinthian columns, masking a blank wall with niches, between the terminal bays and a central projecting portico. As can be seen in Fig. 1, this front now has a huge Ionic portico.

In 1843 a fire gutted much of the interior, and soon afterwards the Butes sold the hall to John Shaw Leigh, son of a Liverpool solicitor, who is said to have employed Smirke to restore it. In 1903 the trustees of the Leigh estate sold the property to Sir Julius Wernher, grandfather of the present owner and founder of the Wernher Collection, and the house was again remodelled. The architects were Messrs. Mewes and Davis, whose style has been familiarised by their work on the Ritz hotels in many of the capitals of Europe. Although the splendid, rather French, interior of Luton Hoo may not appeal to everybody's taste to-day, it has a certain *panache*, as witness the imposing staircase in the oval Marble Hall (Fig. 3).

But since the Edwardian restoration the house has again been altered. After the second World War Sir Harold Wernher, assisted by



2.—THE DINING-ROOM. BEAUVAIS TAPESTRIES AND MARBLE WALLS



3.—THE MARBLE HALL.

(Right) 4.—THE BLUE HALL. Gobelin tapestries and Louis XV chairs

Mr. Philip Tilden, put into practice an idea which can be commended to many owners of country houses that contain important collections of art objects. The house has been divided more or less in halves; Sir Harold and his family live in the smaller, southern end, and the northern end has been converted to a museum for the display of the Wernher Collection, which has been arranged with discrimination by the curator, Major Alfred Longden. It is not possible within the limits of this article to describe more than a fraction of the numerous exhibits, but a brief description of the rooms in the order that they are shown to the public (see plan) will indicate their remarkable diversity.

In the first room to be seen by the visitor is an assembly of paintings of the English school. They are mostly portraits, including one by Lely of Nell Gwyn, and another by Reynolds of Richard Barwell, son of the Governor of Bengal. By the door into the adjoining Dutch room is a small landscape by Ibbetson of

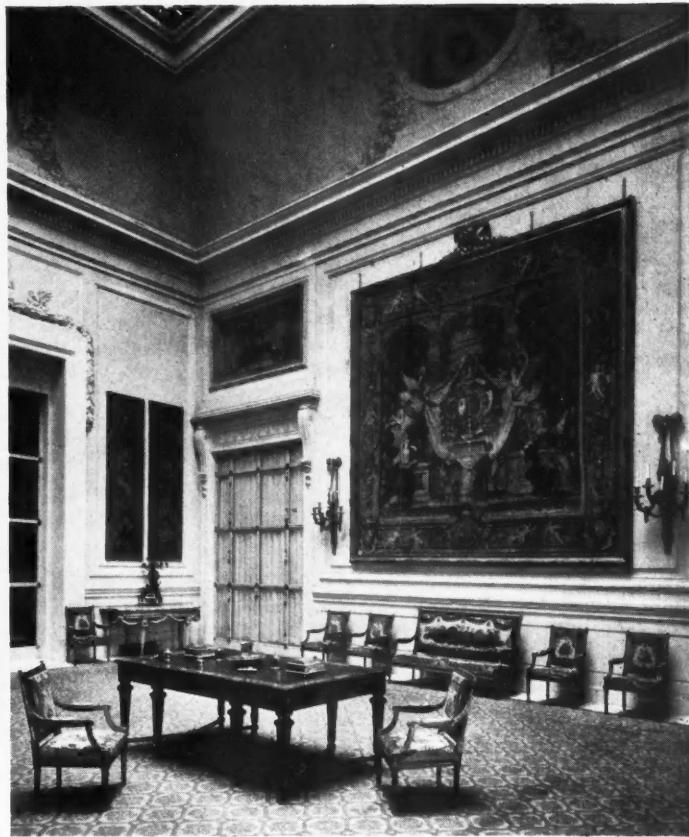
Kenwood, Middlesex, which was formerly the home of Lady Zia Wernher's parents, the Grand Duke Michael of Russia and the Countess de Torby.

The adjoining room contains paintings of the Dutch school: among them are a portrait by Frans Hals; a conversation piece by Metsu, hanging between two church interiors, meticulous in their detail, by Neefs; landscapes by Cuyp and Hobbema; and an interesting interior by de Hooch, a shadowy painting in which the principal figure, seated in the background, is illuminated, like an actor on a stage, by a narrow shaft of sunlight from a small casement.

From the Dutch room the visitor passes into an L-shaped passage room, on whose walls are arranged a remarkable collection of ivories, mostly Byzantine and French, dating from the 10th to the 17th centuries. Two early 14th-century French examples are illustrated in Fig. 10. On the left is a leaf from the cover of a set of writing tablets, carved with a knight

and his lady seated in conversation. On the right is a mirror case, depicting *The Castle of Love*, with two knights in armour fighting, to the accompaniment of trumpets, beneath the battlements of a castle from which women are throwing garlands of flowers and crowns.

The Ivory room leads into the Blue Hall (so called from the colour of its carpet), which, with the dining-room, occupies the whole centre of the house. Facing the visitor as he enters the room (Fig. 4) is a mid-18th-century *Chancellerie* tapestry, woven at the Gobelin factory. These tapestries were a perquisite of the office of Chancellor and Keeper of the Seals, whose coat-of-arms was combined with that of France; in the foreground is the figure of Justice, and there is an architectural background *semé-de-lis*. The walls of the Blue Hall are lined with handsome Louis XV chairs and settees *en suite*, woven with the *Fables de La Fontaine* in Beauvais tapestry. Two display cabinets house a notable collection of the exotic



5.—PART OF A SILVER TOILET SERVICE BY DAVID WILLAUME. Between 1698 and 1720

creations of Fabergé, and on the centre table is a superb early 18th-century silver toilet service, by David Willaume, bearing the arms of Robert Fitzgerald, 19th Earl of Kildare, impaling those of his wife, daughter of the 3rd Earl of Inchiquin (Fig. 5).

More silver is to be seen in the near-by dining-room (Fig. 2), where the table is laid for a dinner party and shimmers with its load of Georgian silver, Russian crystal, and a platoon of candelabra. Other silver and glass is displayed on the console tables, which, like the walls, are of green veined marble. The green is a good foil for the three Beauvais tapestries (c. 1780), whose principal colour is a deep, rich red. These tapestries are the well-known *Histoire du Roi de la Chine* series; on the left can be seen *The Return from the Chase*, in the middle *The Audience*, and on the right, over the chimney-piece, *The Feast*.

After such an orgy of colour it is almost a relief to enter the sober whiteness of the Marble Hall (Fig. 3), where, after pausing to admire the 15th- and 16th-century Italian bronzes, one ascends the staircase, passing on the way Coypel's huge canvas of Venus in a shell, attended by nymphs and drawn by two sputting dolphins, each with the most roguish eyes. On the first floor are three rooms devoted to the magnificent collection of English porcelain accumulated by Sir Harold Wernher's mother, the late Lady Ludlow. Examples of Worcester and Chelsea (Figs. 12 and 13) predominate, but most of the important factories operating in the second half of the 18th century are well



6.—PORTRAIT OF A YOUNG MAN: ATTRIBUTED TO HOLBEIN THE YOUNGER

represented. It is appropriate that Sargent's portrait of Lady Ludlow should face the spectator, at the foot of the curving stairs, as he returns once more to the ground floor.

The next room to be shown, by way of a complete contrast to the previous exhibits, is the Brown Jack room, which is dedicated to the memory of that famous and popular horse who won the Queen Alexandra Stakes at Ascot six times in succession. There are a portrait of him by Munnings, sketches by Lionel Edwards, and other relics, such as his tail made into a fly-whisk. In the same room can be seen some of Sir Harold's racing trophies, and paintings of various horses, such as Precipitation.

The last, and the most important part of the Collection is to be found in the main gallery, which is reached from the Brown Jack room by a long passage containing, among other things, a number of colourful Limoges enamels. The gallery has been formed in what was the chapel of Adam's design, and occupies the whole north-east corner of the house. Low screen walls divide it into three parts.

In the end nearest the entrance there are a fascinating display of antique and Renaissance jewellery, and numerous pieces of Italian majolica, of which the most striking example, a rare late 15th-century bowl of Bolognese Sgraffato ware, is illustrated in Fig. 9. It is supported on a high stem, round which are grouped three seated lions; the colouring is a delicate blend of greyish-blue, yellowish-brown and copper-green



7.—BARTOLOMEO BERMEJO: ST. MICHAEL AND THE DRAGON. About 1470. (Right) 8.—ALTDORFER: CHRIST BIDDING FAREWELL TO HIS MOTHER BEFORE THE PASSION





(Left) 9.—LATE 15TH-CENTURY ITALIAN MAJOLICA BOWL (Above) 10.—EARLY 14TH-CENTURY FRENCH IVORIES

At this end of the gallery hang several notable paintings, among them portraits by Titian and Bronzino, and a *Virgin and Child* by Francesco Francia. Among the paintings in the middle section of the gallery are two small but characteristically vigorous canvases by Rubens, and a portrait of a rather aggressive-looking youth (Fig. 6) attributed to Holbein.

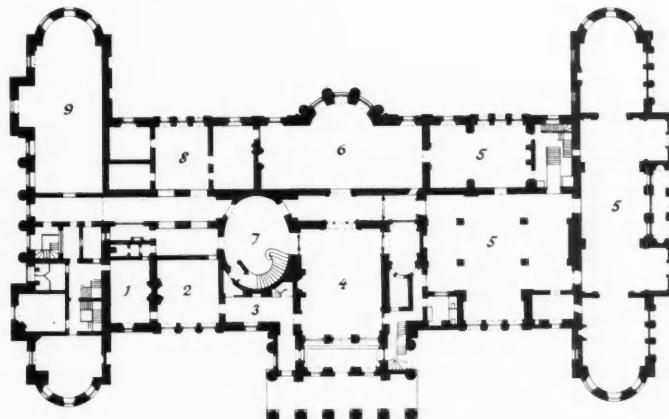
The third part of the gallery fills the apse at the east end of the former chapel. Facing the spectator as he mounts the steps is a splendid painting, *St. Michael and the Dragon*, by the Spaniard Bartolomeo Bermejo (Fig. 7). It is on a panel and is thought to have formed part of the altar-piece at the church of a Spanish village. The commanding, attenuated figure of St. Michael, cased in golden armour and surmounted by a billowing red cloak and gilded wings, dominates the scene; beneath his feet is a peculiarly diabolical dragon, balanced on the left-hand side of the composition by the diminutive figure of the donor. The *St. Michael* is flanked on the right by *The Annunciation*,

painted by a master of the Venetian school, and on the left by Albrecht Altdorfer's brilliant *Christ Bidding Farewell to His Mother* (Fig. 8)—the finest and most important example in England of this early German artist's work. Two early 16th-century Flemish

religious tapestries and two more display cases of jewellery complete the notable exhibits in this room.

The gallery is the culmination of the Wernher Collection, but it is not the last of the surprises at Luton Hoo, for, in what was once the great kitchen in the basement, a gay tea-room has been contrived, with painted decorations by Mary Adshead (Mrs. Stephen Bone). It is proposed to illustrate this delightful exercise of modern decorative painting in a later article, but it may be said here that the result, rather like a Continental café, is a refreshing conclusion to the mental exertions involved by the tour of this outstanding collection. The public is under a great obligation to Sir Harold Wernher and Lady Zia Wernher for allowing the house to be shown.

Luton Hoo is open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from May to October. The price of admission is 2s. 6d. Visitors are not conducted round the house, but a comprehensive illustrated guide book is available.



11.—PLAN. 1. English room. 2. Dutch room. 3. Ivory room. 4. Blue Hall. 5. Private apartments. 6. Dining-room. 7. Marble Hall. 8. Brown Jack room. 9. Main gallery



1.—EARLY CHELSEA FIGURES. *Doctor Boloardo*, a character from an Italian comedy, between *The Vauxhall Singers*. (Right) 13.—ONE OF A PAIR OF CHELSEA CANDLE-STICKS



CARPET-MAKING BY HAND

Written and Illustrated by NORMAN WYMER

A FEATURE of our English crafts is that so many of them have, so to speak, sprung from the soil. This applies not only to essentially rural trades but also to some of the crafts now more generally associated with our towns and cities, such as carpets, whose English ancestry is directly traceable to the sheep of Devon and Wiltshire. They are still made by hand in the little Wiltshire town of Wilton, three miles to the north-west of the cathedral city of Salisbury.

It is a matter for dispute who first introduced carpets into England. Some say that the returning Crusaders brought back magnificent Eastern rugs to hang on the walls of the castles; others give the credit to Queen Eleanor for bringing over a Spanish type from her native Castile. Whichever claim is correct is of small moment. The carpet was made fashionable—though only among the higher members of society—by the foreign merchants, who, throughout the Middle Ages, bartered colourful rugs at our English fairs in exchange for our highly-treasured wool and hand-weaves.

It was these merchants who first gave us the idea of making carpets of our own. Before the Middle Ages were out certain of our master weavers had begun to vie with the foreign workmen in making elaborate drapery in tapestry, petit-point and embroidery. It appears that they blended the many different foreign styles into one original motif of their own. Since, however, their pieces, like the Eastern rugs, were used mainly as wall-hangings and table-runners, they can hardly be regarded as anything more than decorative and experimental. Rushes—usually changed all too seldom—remained the more generally accepted form of floor covering.

It was not until Tudor times that carpet-making, in the true meaning, was established as an English trade. By then the cottage folk in the sheep-farming areas of England—whose wool had so long brought riches sufficient to finance our many wars—had begun to make rugs for the specific purpose of covering floors. In the first place they wove their pieces in their spare time to serve their own needs. But as time went on the local gentry, impressed by their enterprise, began to commission the

cottagers to make similar rugs for themselves. And so a leisure-hour occupation gradually developed into a business, until, by the 17th century, almost every cottage home in certain parts of the sheep countries was engaged full-time in making carpets. While the husbands worked the looms with the aid of their sons, the women spun and carded the yarn with the help of their daughters.

Following the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes in 1685, when so many foreign workmen and women settled in the southern counties, the industry gradually became more localised. Among the many places where these fugitives settled was Wilton, ancestral seat of the Earls of Pembroke. To the cottagers here who gave them shelter these sorely persecuted people gladly taught their own peculiar methods of carpet-making, and with such satisfactory results that a new impetus was given to an industry that already promised well.

From the start the 9th Earl of Pembroke, who had the well-being of the district at heart, displayed the keenest interest in this trade, and was always on the lookout for ways of improving it. His opportunity came round about 1720 when he embarked upon a tour of the Continent. During his travels he was impressed by the fine quality of the floor coverings in France, and

decided that a still further fillip could be given to the trade of his home town by importing one or two French master weavers to teach their particular secrets. Since it was then an offence for any French craftsman to leave his country, the Earl was forced to the expedient of smuggling over two master weavers, Anthony Dufossy and Peter Jemaule, in unfilled wine casks, which

were cunningly concealed among a consignment of full ones. A little later he was successful in importing further craftsmen and artists by equally enterprising devices.

And so the Brussels tradition was gradually married to the Wilton cottage tradition to provide a new style of hand carpet manufacture in the Wilton cut-pile. About the same time another style known as hand-tufting was being devised at Axminster, and it is upon these two styles that the whole tradition of English carpet-making as evolved, further impetus being given by the introduction of the Jacquard to the loom and by the various inventions of Hargreaves, Arkwright, Crompton and Cartwright.

Something like 110 to 115 years ago the factories of these two towns, which hitherto had worked independently, were likewise married, and the entire plant at Axminster was moved to Wilton, where, in a group of mellow 18th-century buildings, the two traditions are still maintained.

Though cut-pile carpets are now mass-produced in enormous quantities by machinery in many places besides Wilton, the Axminsters are still hand-tufted as of old. This superb form of craftsmanship survives not as some



1.—MAKING AN AXMINSTER CARPET AT THE WILTON ROYAL CARPET FACTORY, NEAR SALISBURY



2.—LAYING OUT THE WORK-PAPERS, FROM WHICH THE AMOUNT OF EACH COLOURED YARN FOR WEAVING IS ESTIMATED

arty-crafty perversion of a bygone tradition but on account of the proved and continuing superiority of man's or woman's hand in competition with the machine. Experience has proved the hand-made carpet to have four times the life of the machine-made, while its price is only three times as great. Moreover, whereas the machine can weave only to certain stipulated measurements the hand craftsman knows no limit. As an instance, when last I was at Wilton I saw a group of eight young women sitting side by side on their benches weaving and tufting a real Axminster more than 29 feet in width and close on 45 feet long.

Before ever a carpet can be woven the design must, of course, be drawn and coloured in the studio. Some of the designs are original; some are reproductions of works by such artists as Dame Laura Knight or Rex Whistler. There is no limit to what may be done by hand. Whereas one carpet may be designed to harmonise with an Adam ceiling, another may provide a faithful study of a faded and much-loved Persian rug.

From the initial design work-papers of the same size as the carpet to be woven are prepared. These are drawn and painted on graph paper in sections and laid out on the floor (Fig. 2) of a room to be checked up in readiness to pass on to the weavers.

From these work-papers an estimate is made of the amount of each coloured yarn required for weaving. The yarn is then



3.—“THE YARN IS THEN DYED IN VATS AND HYDROED IN A SPECIAL REVOLVING PLANT”

dyed in vats and hydroed in a special revolving plant (Fig. 3) before being sent to the drying stoves. All the dyes are prepared from alizarin dyes (by-products of coal-tar) and though a single carpet may contain close on 140 different shades, each shade is made from the primary colours of red, blue and yellow.

When the yarn has been dyed it is handed to various men and women, each of whom is a specialist in his or her particular line, for individual preparation. While one woman winds her bales of flax on a revolving warping mill (Fig. 4)—of a kind that has altered but little with the generations—to provide the warp, another winds the weft on to bobbins by means of an apparatus not altogether unlike a spinning wheel (Fig. 5). A third, in turn, then fills the needles from these bobbins. Meanwhile another craftsman will be busy cutting up the tufts for knotting on to the warp. This is done by laying the yarn over a slotted table containing a series of sharp knives. By pulling each of these knives in turn along the slots (Fig. 6) it is possible to cut the yarn into strips of two-inch length as required for knotting.

The materials thus prepared, the loom is set up. Unlike the cloth-weavers, the carpet-makers work at a vertical, or upright, loom. This loom, of which there are many sizes, contains two enormous rollers, one near the ceiling and the other by the floor, and the warp threads—the length of which naturally varies according to the length of carpet to be made—are wound round the upper roller and then stretched taut to the lower one. As weaving proceeds, the woven portion of the carpet is rolled on



4.—WINDING BALES OF FLAX ON TO A WARPING MACHINE



5.—WINDING THE WEFT ON TO THE BOBBINS. (Right) 6.—CUTTING THE NEWLY-DYED YARN INTO TWO-INCH LENGTHS



to the lower roller, while the uppermost one pays out more warp. Thus the carpet-makers are always able to work at the same level.

Once the loom is set up the work-papers are attached to the warp immediately above the sections where the women are to work. These act as a complete guide; when one section is completed and the finished portion has been rolled on, the papers are replaced by further ones. With these papers before her the carpet-maker selects bundles of tufts of the relevant colours and ties them loosely to her warp immediately above the spot where they will be used. By this means she is always sure of having the correct tufts ready to hand.

From these bundles she snatches one tuft

at a time and knots it to a thread of the warp. Working with such dexterous hand and such incredible speed that it is impossible for the inexperienced eye to appreciate the complexity of the movement, she works her way from right to left, knotting a separate tuft to every single thread of warp, until she links up with her left-hand neighbour.

As she completes each line of tufting she beats her tufts firmly home with a steel comb by means of a back-hand movement of her right wrist. Then she threads through two lines of weft before proceeding with a further row of tufting. And so it goes, from one end of the carpet to the other. Finally, when this long operation is complete, the carpet is sheared to

an even surface, hand-finished, checked, brushed and rolled.

How skilled is the art can be seen in the fact that whereas a machine can turn out 200 yards of carpet in a week, these women may well be satisfied if they produce above nine inches in a similar time. And when at last their carpet is complete they may well have knotted as many as 3,000,000 tufts to their warp—perhaps more for one carpet, made at Wilton for the Court Drawing-room, contained no fewer than 5,500,000 knots. Executed on the widest loom in the world, it measured 60 feet by 40 feet.

I am indebted to the Wilton Royal Carpet Factory for allowing me to photograph their men and women at work.

PHOTOGRAPHING THE NIGHTJAR

Written and Illustrated by ERIC HOSKING

IN 1912 C. R. Brown, in co-operation with G. A. Booth, was studying the nightjar on the sand dunes at Ainsdale, Lancashire, and secured a remarkable series of photographs of the female alighting near the nest. This accomplishment was particularly remarkable, seeing that modern flash equipment was not then available.

It had always been one of my ambitions to emulate this feat and obtain pictures of the nightjar with upraised wings. This momentary upraising of the wings, followed by their careful folding before it proceeds to the nest, is typical of the bird, but although I have worked on eight pairs during the past twenty years, it was not until last year that I was fortunate enough to find one that alighted in the immediate vicinity of the nest, and thus within the range of my camera, concealed inside a hide.

In June, however, my friend, George Edwards, discovered a pair of nightjars which displayed nearly every evening close to a forestry mill, and eventually he found the nest, situated among a pile of wood chips. Only one egg had been laid when he came across it, but a second appeared on the following day. In spite of the considerable care which was taken in erecting a hide, the birds remained very

suspicious and wary of returning to the nest when it was occupied. Once the eggs had chipped, however, this nervousness disappeared.

I therefore took up my station in the hide on the evening following the hatch with some expectation. Almost as soon as the sun had set the cock flew over the nest giving his almost human "ko-ick" cry, and the hen, as though released by a spring, leapt from the nest (Fig. 3) and was lost in the fading light. A few minutes later the cock alighted immediately beside the nest, and for a moment or two held his disproportionately large wings straight above his body, revealing the conspicuous white bars on the wings and outer tail feathers. He brooded over the young for some minutes before a chick emerged from under his body and sought to grip his bill.

There then ensued a tug-of-war, which appeared to stimulate the cock to feeding the chick, for he suddenly shook his head violently, and a small dark object which looked, in the fading light, rather like a black beetle passed between the two of them.

In an article by Cyril Newberry and myself (COUNTRY LIFE, May 29, 1949) we stated that the adult re-gurgitated the food to the young. The further close observations which I made on this evening and the following ones suggest that

this is not strictly accurate. What really appears to take place is that the adult carries the food in its capacious mouth and the chick takes it direct from there. The food seems to be stored in the mouth itself, not partly masticated, in the crop, as is the case with such birds as the finches. This view is supported by the fact that I was able to collect a pellet cast by one of the chicks, containing the body and wings of a dor beetle.

After the cock had spent about ten minutes at the nest, the hen flew over and called, upon which he left the nest and the exchange took place on lines similar to those already described. The hen also fed the young.

I have previously referred to the rapidity with which the nightjar leaves its nest once it has made up its mind to do so; no doubt this lightning-like departure has resulted from the bird's habit of sitting very closely. I thought it would be interesting to have a photograph of this avian catapult in action, but I found that its movement was so sudden that it beat the synchronisation of eye, brain and fingers. I was, therefore, glad to use a remarkable photo-electric shutter trip built for me by Dr. P. H. S. Henry, of Manchester. The small photo cell unit was erected so as to cast an invisible beam immediately above the nest, the idea being that



1. and 2.—HEN (left) AND COCK NIGHTJARS ALIGHTING BESIDE THEIR CHICKS



—“THE HEN, AS THOUGH RELEASED BY A SPRING, LEAPED FROM THE NEST.” (Right) 4.—THE COCK HOVERING ABOVE THE NEST. The flexibility of its wings is apparent from the way in which the farther one is twisted so that the primaries point forwards instead of backwards

the bird, as soon as it rose from the nest, would cut this beam and cause a small electric impulse sufficient to release the camera shutter and with it the high-speed flash lamps. With this apparatus it was a simple matter to secure photographs

of the hen leaving the nest, one of which is shown in Fig. 3.

The same apparatus was used to obtain a photograph of the cock nightjar hovering, and this (Fig. 4) has revealed a striking peculiarity,

namely, that the farther wing is twisted so that the primary feathers point forwards, demonstrating the wings' unusual flexibility. This photograph also shows the extraordinarily short tarsi of a bird unaccustomed to much walking.

A COUNTRYWOMAN'S NOTES *By EILUNED LEWIS*

THAT the first days of May, by every portent in Nature a time of flowering and delight, should be heavily associated with the beginning of the summer term and the departure from home of countless children, is an unavoidable part of our boarding-school tradition.

Really there is a good deal to be said for being grown-up. “This is the best term of the year,” we say heartily to the younger generation, stressing the excellence of the swimming-bath, and gliding quickly over the subject of examinations. Yet in my heart I know this to be a very Bultitudinous speech, and I am supremely thankful that no one ever again will require me, this first week in May, to strap my tennis racquet to my school umbrella and hang the keys of my trunk round my neck on a black velvet ribbon. This may be the pleasantest term of the year, but the statement is only relative, and by the time the children are home again nothing can alter the fact that “the splendour in the grass, the glory in the flower” will have lost their bloom.

A child, reared in the country and sent at an early age to a boarding-school, which for the sake of educational facilities may stand in semi-urban surroundings, loses that companionship with “the law and impulse” of Nature which gives a background and flavour to the whole of life. “Gleams like the flashing of a shield” are most likely to visit the unfettered mind, free amid the natural beauties of the earth.

No doubt the right kind of day school seems, to the country-marooned parent, an answer to prayer, since without it no other course is open in this modern world than that leading direct to a boarding-school. Yet some six years' experience as a day school parent leaves me uncertain. The arrangement, so ideal in theory, somehow works out less well in practice. The child, returning home each day to struggle with “prep.” in a house where the

alluring occupations of grown-ups are in progress lives two lives, and these lives are apt to conflict.

Was the poetic childhood, with its “delights and exultations” as described by Wordsworth in his *Prelude*, free of the burden of homework which dogs small mortals to-day? In *Lucy*, you remember, he relates that :

*She shall be sportive as the fawn
That wild with glee across the lawn,
Or up the mountain springs;
And hers shall be the breathing balm,
And hers the silence and the calm
Of mute insensate things.*

The healthy school child is easily “sportive,” but what present-day time-table finds room for “the silence and the calm?” Moreover, it is unlikely that official examiners, those arbiters of young lives, would pass through their sieve someone who had spent much time leaning an ear

*In many a secret place
Where rivulets dance their wayward round.*

There is little in common between those rivulets and the school curriculum, or even the excellent school swimming-bath!

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HERE remains one alternative which thirty years ago would have been accepted as the natural solution. With apologies for mentioning anything so fantastically out of date, I almost whisper the word *governess*. Try looking for one and you will find that she has become as elusive as the Snark and may even turn into that highly dangerous variety, the Boojum. Yet it is certainly true that a very great number of middle-aged people, men as well as women, owe to a governess the things they best remember and prize to-day. What she taught them somehow stuck, and I do not think this can be altogether attributed to the sponge-like nature of their minds at that tender age.

A good deal of credit must go to the manner and method by which the stream of learning was poured over them.

Contrary to modern criticism of the past this method did not lack variety. In our household the governesses came and went so frequently that we could recite their names in the fashion of the Kings of England. In fairness to my family I would add that two years was the average period of duration; but a family of five with some biggish gaps in age, can go through a lot of governesses even at that pace.

Like the English Kings they stretch back into a misty Anglo-Saxon period. Of one I recall absolutely nothing except the sound of her gargling through a closed door. She must have been a formidable exponent of the art. Of another I remember only her chilblains, and concerning a third, who was Germanic, that she read aloud to us in astonishingly guttural English. Among that early dynasty there was a strict vegetarian of minute size, and one whose reading aloud was done at tea-time, so that we stuffed ourselves with bread and butter to prolong the tale. After that the mists clear and a line of admirable women brought civilisation to our realm.

That a great race of teachers should have practically ceased to exist seems to me a melancholy thing, and I think instead of making captious remarks about her, it is time that some of us put up a statue to the British Governess. At her best she was a magnificent and self-effacing institution, with as high a sense of her calling as the dominies of Scotland.

We know that the great nurseries (some of which have been lately much in the news) have turned out plants of unsurpassed brilliance which take all the prizes, but was there not something to be said for the loving, unselfish cultivation in private gardens of flowers not less rare and fragrant?

RAISING THE CLAMOUR

FOR the first time for 20 years the *Clameur de Haro* was raised last week in Guernsey.

This legal procedure peculiar to the Channel Islands is, to quote a barrister-at-law, "a very ancient and very interesting procedure which seems likely to persist in these islands, in spite of change of circumstances and manners, into the dim and distant future." It is a procedure whereby a person may, in a simple but unusual way, resist alleged aggression against either personality or realty.

Here is what you must say if you wish to raise the *Clameur*: "Haro, haro, à l'aide, mon Prince; on me fait tort" (Haro, haro, to my aid, my Prince; wrong is being done to me). This must be cried on or near the scene of the act complained of, in the presence of two witnesses, and the *clamant* (in the bailiwick of Guernsey, which includes the inhabited islands of Alderney, Sark, Brecqhou, Herm and Jethou) must then recite the Lord's Prayer in French. Recital of the Prayer is not necessary in Jersey.

The person raising the *Clameur* must then go to the Bailiff (head of the civil administration) or Lieutenant-Bailiff, or, if they are not available, to at least two Jurats, and must make a written declaration of having raised the *Clameur*. The declaration must be registered at the Greffe (the island's official registry) within 24 hours of the raising of the *Clameur*.

This having been done, either party may within twelve months bring an action against

the other either in support of the *Clameur* or to have it set aside. Meanwhile, interference against the property concerned must cease, on pain of fine or imprisonment. The traditional punishment for failure to cease interference once the *Clameur* has been raised is 24 hours' imprisonment in the lowest dungeon of the castle.

The *Clameur* is, traditionally, the cry for aid to Rollo, 1st Duke of Normandy. Some believe the word *Haro* to be derived from the old German word *Hara*, meaning "Here," but considerable doubt exists about its origin. The general view is that it started as an exclamation shouted by the victim of a crime to call neighbours to the scene. Although originally employed in the case of criminal acts, it has for centuries been used only as a civil remedy.

The essence of the method was, and still is, its simplicity and speed—an attractive proposition in these days, when so many summary powers are vested in officials and local authorities. In Alderney it was last used two years ago, but the matter was not pursued because the *clamant* failed to comply with the formalities necessary subsequent to the crying of the *Clameur*.

The *Clameur* has been previously raised seven times in Guernsey during this century for the following alleged aggressions or interferences: blocking of a drain, enclosure of a dune, wrongful performance of masonry work, wrongful

removal of elm roots, wrongful connection of a pipe to a well with a view to drawing water therefrom, lifting of paving stones, and trespass.

In one of these cases the *clamant* was the vicar of St. James's Church, St. Peter Port, States of Guernsey workmen began to lift paving stones outside the church, as part of road widening operations. The vicar raised the *Clameur*, and the same day the workmen replaced the stones exactly as they had been.

Nothing further happened. Neither side took action, possibly because the vicar was insufficiently sure of his rights to the pavement. The States were unwilling to institute legislation. A year expired, the work of widening the road was resumed and the *Clameur* was not raised again at the same place.

The previous occasion on which the *Clameur* was raised in Guernsey was in 1930, when the owner of a garden raised it because the owner of a house abutting on the garden (and not being entitled to access) slung a scaffolding over the garden and proceeded to plaster the gable of the house.

Technically, this was a trespass. The mason, unaware of the nature of the proceedings, or contemptuous of them, went on with his plastering—it is said that he even dropped some plaster on the kneeling and indignant *clamant* as he recited the Lord's Prayer—and he was haled before the Court and fined.

THE AGA KHAN'S RACING STORY

NOW that the first two classic races have been decided, newspaper correspondents are turning their attention to colts or fillies that are likely to distinguish themselves in the Derby and Oaks. It may be of interest to recount briefly the story of the Aga Khan, who, for the last twenty-five years, has been such a prominent figure in the bloodstock world.

The Aga Khan has owned four Derby winners, and he has headed the list of Breeders of Winners on nine occasions. His story of success began in a very simple way. When on a visit to Ireland in 1904, he visited Mr. Hall Walker, later Lord Wavertree, at his Tully Stud in County Kildare, and was advised by him to take up the breeding of bloodstock as a hobby. At that time shortage of time and money prevented the Aga Khan, so he has said, from undertaking the breeding of bloodstock in the way he had in mind, and it was not until after the first World War, when the outlook had improved, that he commissioned the late Mr. George Lambton to buy some fillies and an occasional colt whereby to form the foundations of a bloodstock nursery.

There was no better judge of a thoroughbred than Mr. Lambton and he began operations at the Doncaster Sales of 1921 where he purchased eight yearlings for a total of 24,520 gns. Among these youngsters were Cos, who cost 5,000 gns. and won eight races to the total value of £9,604, and Teresina, who cost 7,700 gns. and won £10,944 in stakes before being retired to the stud, where she bred Alishah and Theresina, the dam of Turhan and Ujiji.

In 1922, Mr. Lambton was again at Doncaster where, again acting for the Aga Khan, he bought Mumtaz Mahal for 9,100 gns. Mumtaz Mahal won £12,933 in prize-money before going to the stud. Other purchases were Diaphon, bought for 4,000 gns., and later the winner of eight races, worth £23,150, including the Two Thousand Guineas; Salmon Trout, who cost 3,000 gns. and won five races, including the St. Leger, worth, in all, £15,830; and Voleuse, a half-sister to the St. Leger winner, Solaris, who was bought for only 420 gns. and later



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TERESINA, ONE OF THE FOUNDATION MARES OF THE AGA KHAN'S STUD

became the dam of Theft, and so was one of the greatest sale-ring bargains of recent times. Friar's Daughter, by Friar Marcus, was purchased for 250 gns. and earned fame as the dam of Dastur, who won the Irish Derby and 5½ other races worth, in all, £11,626 10s. (besides running second in the Two Thousand Guineas, the Epsom Derby and the Doncaster St. Leger); and of the "triple-crown" winner, Bahram, who won £43,086 10s. in stakes.

Meanwhile, the Aga Khan had won his first Derby with Blenheim, a son of Blandford, bred by the Earl of Carnarvon and bought on behalf of His Highness for 4,100 gns. at the Second July Sales of 1928. In addition to the Derby, Blenheim won four other races to the total value of £14,533 15s. and, after a brief stay at the Aga Khan's stud in France, was sold to an American syndicate for £45,000.

At this stage a new chapter in the Aga Khan's racing history begins. The successes of his purchases having been related, it is now time to tell the stories of the winners that he has bred at his stud at Marly-la-Ville, near Paris, with the help of Colonel and Mrs. Vuillier, or at his Sheshoon establishment at the Curragh.

His first appearance in the list of winning breeders was in 1925 when his The Tetrarch filly, Moti Mahal, whom he had bought for 4,000 gns. when she was being carried by her dam, Maglona, won five races to the total value of £6,357. Between then and the end of 1949—a space of 25 years—he has bred at one or other of his nurseries, 392 winners of 669 ½ races worth £630,426.

This record is all the more remarkable when it is remembered that he has headed the list of the Breeders of Winners no fewer than nine times. The first occasion was in 1932 when, seven years after his first home-bred victory, he was responsible for the breeding of 15 winners of twice that number of races, to the total value of £62,644 15s. Among these winners were the St. Leger and Jockey Club Stakes victor, Firdaussi; the Oaks and Coronation Stakes winner, Udaipur; and Dastur, whose performances have already been described.

Two years later, in 1934, the Aga Khan again took first place among breeders with 15 winners of 37 races worth £57,199 10s., and in the following year he again headed the list, with five winners of nine events worth £37,580 10s. Outstanding contributors in these years were the "triple-crown" winner, Bahram, who was later sold to an American syndicate for £40,000; the Ascot Gold Cup victor, Felicitation; and Theft.

In spite of Mahmoud's Derby victory in 1936, the Aga Khan had to put up with second place to Lord Astor in the list of breeders for that year. The lapse was only temporary, for in 1937, thanks to the successes of Mirza II Tahir and 30 others who between them won 51 races to the total value of £46,728 10s., he was again the most successful breeder, and in 1940 and 1941 he again headed the list.

Since the end of the war, the Aga Khan, in partnership with his son, the Aly Khan, have headed the list of breeders for three consecutive years, from 1947-1949 inclusive, during which time they have bred 85 winners of 153 ½ races worth £171,591 10s. in stakes. They also won the Derby of 1948 with My Love, a horse that they bought just before the race from his breeder, the late M. Volterra. ROYSTON.

THE ROYAL ACADEMY

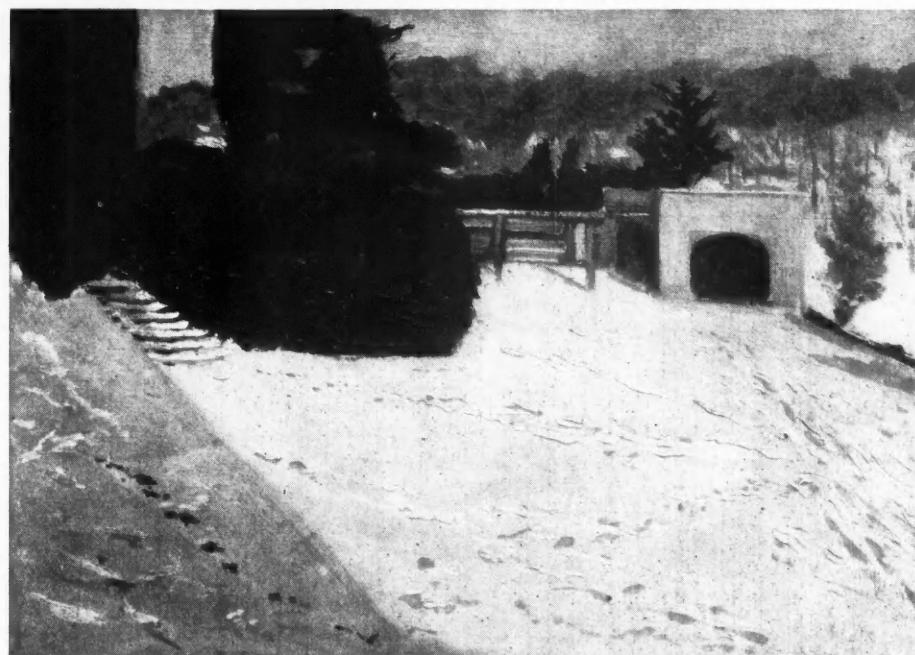
Reviewed by M. CHAMOT

A CHANGE of policy at the Royal Academy was to be expected after the sensation caused last year by the expressions of opinion at the Academy dinner and the election of a new president. The first indication of this was the re-election of Stanley Spencer, who had resigned in 1935, after two of his pictures had been rejected. It would appear that ample amends have been made this year by providing almost the entire wall space of the Lecture Room for the vast paintings of the Resurrection, but even that has proved insufficient to accommodate the whole of this artist's production and four further paintings of the series are being shown at the Tooth Gallery, 31, Bruton Street, W.1.

The Resurrection is a theme that Spencer has dwelt upon from the beginning of his career. The large painting now in the Tate Gallery was hailed in 1925 as the painting of the century, and a further development of a similar idea appeared in the paintings at Burghclere, which led to his original election in 1934. What the present version lacks in youthful freshness, "of splendour in the grass, of glory in the flower" is made up by a greater unity of design. The large canvas (No. 557) is composed as an arc, expressing the idea of convergence and reunion, and the individual figures express the same idea, however grotesquely they may be represented. Incidentally, Spencer certainly stands far above the general level of contemporary painting, even though his caustic humour may not be to everybody's liking.

Apart from these paintings, the standard of the Academy has not changed much. The arrangement of the exhibition is better than usual; the sculpture in Gallery 6 breaks up the long line of rooms filled with paintings, and the water-colours are divided between Gallery 8 and the South Room, so that more space is given to this favourite medium. While nothing of a revolutionary character has been admitted (or possibly submitted), pictures that are fairly modern in tendency have been more evenly spread out, instead of being relegated to the last gallery.

The portraits, many of which are excellent, may be divided into real paintings and mere



SNOW AT CHARTWELL, circa 1925, BY MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL

likenesses, manufactured by a process which is more laborious, and in most cases less satisfactory, than photography. It is unfortunate that the Royal portraits fall into the latter category. The *Conversation Piece at the Royal Lodge, Windsor Great Park*, painted for the National Portrait Gallery by James Gunn (No. 245) would have been a delightful record, had it been the work of a colourist. Incidentally, it will be interesting to see what influence the perfection of colour photography will have on painting. If the manufacturers of likenesses will tend to copy photographs as the least imaginative painters

have done for the last hundred years, the more original artists will probably deliberately avoid photographic effects.

Some of the most pleasing portrait paintings in the exhibition are studies of children—*The Masters Jonathan and Hugh Cecil*, by Henry Lamb (No. 48); *Barbara Robinson*, by Rodrigo Moynihan (No. 53); and *Girl on a Striped Couch*, by Edward le Bas (No. 104). In all these the artist has seen more than could be recorded by mechanical means, and has expressed his personal reaction to form and colour.

The artist's reaction can be twofold, delight in the thing seen and delight in his technical powers. Both forms of enjoyment are vigorously communicated in the paintings by Mr. Winston Churchill, especially in the dazzling *Snow at Chartwell: circa 1925* (No. 184). Beside it hangs *The Demon Bowler*, by Laurence Norris, a sporting picture with a striking light effect. Sir Alfred Munnings, the ex-President, shows some

landscapes and two breezy studies of race-horses in training, *Early Morning, Newmarket* (Nos. 203 and 207). He may not consider it a compliment to be mentioned together with so experimental a painter as John Minton, but it is gratifying that such diversity of treatment as well as of subject should be found under the same roof. The intention of holding an exhibition of contemporary foreign art, "as an example or as a warning," is also a welcome sign of the times.

Among the older masters Augustus John stands out with his masterly portrait of *Matthew Smith* (No. 3), *The White Feather Boa* (No. 58), *Portrait of a Young Man* (No. 94), and a less familiar aspect of his work appears in the large decoration in grisaille *The Little Concert*, which occupies the place of honour in the main gallery. These, as well as the paintings by Dame Ethel Walker are not of very recent date. The earliest, Dame Ethel's portrait of her step-mother (No. 499), is in some ways the most distinguished, in spite of its sombre colour and mellow tone. But as long as the Royal Academy succeeds in attracting such outstanding artists only long after they have "arrived," it cannot hope to be regarded as representative of the best work by English painters of any given period.

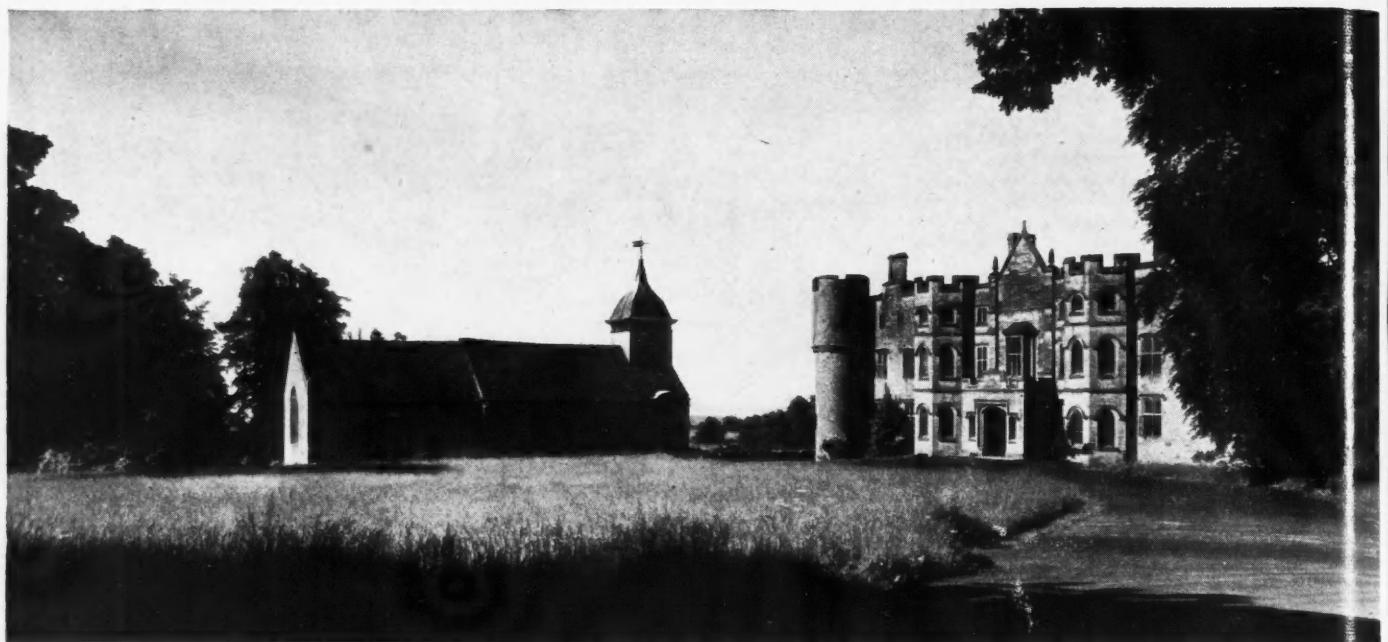
One of the few real artists who have exhibited at the Academy consistently is James Fitton, and this year he has contributed the most amusing picture of the year, *Les Girls* (No. 395), a colourful and delightfully witty study of three old ladies gossiping over a cup of tea. Other outstanding works are the portraits of Stanley Grimm by Henry Carr (No. 139) and of E. M. Forster by Edmund Nelson (No. 474), *Ruth* by Barry Craig (No. 478), *Café du Centre Pegomes* by Professor Robin Darwin (No. 360), *The Open Window* by Charles McCall (No. 391), the landscapes, among others, by Richard Eurich, Lord Methuen, John Nash, and the generally good standard of the water-colours and work in black and white.

The central piece of sculpture is a life-size model for a bronze statue of Lady Godiva by Sir William Reid Dick. None of the sculpture, with the possible exception of *Flowers* by Richard Bedford, is purely formal, but the influence of modern tendencies is, nevertheless, apparent in the choice of appropriate material and the avoidance of dull naturalism.

The motto for the year is "Treat a work of art like a prince: let it speak to you first," but how many of the works exhibited are really works of art with anything to say?



MASTERS JONATHAN & HUGH CECIL, BY HENRY LAMB
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1.—CHURCH AND HOUSE FROM THE NORTH-EAST

CROFT CASTLE, HEREFORDSHIRE—II

THE PROPERTY OF MAJOR O. G. S. CROFT  By ARTHUR OSWALD

After the death in 1753 of Sir Archer Croft, second baronet, the castle was sold to Thomas Johnes, father of Johnes of Hafod. The alterations made by the elder Johnes and his father-in-law, Richard Knight, are illustrated this week. Croft returned to the Croft family in 1923.

2.—THE MAIN STAIRCASE, *circa* 1760

IN a county so rich in antiquities as Herefordshire it is not surprising to find antiquarian tastes being cultivated by many of the gentry in Georgian days. Whether there was something in the atmosphere or the landscape of this border county, whether lingering memories of ancient rivalries, Welsh and English, Yorkist and Lancastrian, stirred romantic imaginations, or whether it was the ruined castles of the Marches, those "remnants of history which have casually escaped the shipwreck of Time": whatever the cause, the seeds of the Gothic Revival took root and flowered early in a congenial soil. Lord Bateman seems to have started the fashion with his Gothic church at Shobdon, erected in the 1750's. But more influential than this was the mediaeval castle which Richard Payne Knight, the dilettante and numismatist, built to his own designs at Downton. Soon Nash at Kentchurch Court and Garnstone, Atkinson at Garnons, Wyatville at Hampton Court and Smirke at Eastnor Castle were all building or reconstructing in the Gothic taste for Herefordshire clients who had caught the infection.

And Croft Castle did not escape. Indeed, it seems to have been among the first houses in the county to be consciously Gothicised. A curtain wall with mock towers built at the eastern approach was illustrated a week ago. The entrance front of the castle gained a centrepiece with battlemented bay windows (Fig. 1). The other sides were not much altered, but in the interior a good deal of what may be called Rococo Gothic decoration took place. These sophisticated touches add very considerably to the visual interest of the building, although historically they could be regarded as an irrelevant intrusion. The alterations were made after the Crofts had left the castle, but before we discuss by whom, the story of the family must be resumed where it was interrupted last week.

Sir Herbert Croft, grandson of Queen Elizabeth's Comptroller, followed the example of his Norman ancestor, Bernard, by end-

his days as a monk, having become a Catholic towards the end of his life and joined the English Benedictines at Douai. He was aware of the precedent set by his progenitor, reference to which was made on the epitaph on his tomb. His eldest son and successor, Sir William, was in Charles I's army at Edgehill, but three years later lost his life in a local attack on the Roundhead force at Stokesay Castle. A brother succeeded him, but died in 1659, when the third brother, Herbert, soon to be Bishop of Hereford, came into the estates. His father had had him educated abroad and as a young man he was received into the Roman Catholic Church, but on returning to England he came under the influence of the Bishop of Durham and was persuaded to think again. Before the troubles he had been made Dean of Hereford and in 1662 he became Bishop. Being fond of his diocese and of his home he had a healthy dislike of absent clergy. Croft Castle, which according to Symond's *Diary* had been dismantled in 1645 by local Royalist troops "lest the enemy should seize on it for their own uses," was probably in need of extensive repairs, and a good deal seems to have been done by the bishop and his son.

Photographs of the wing pulled down in 193 show late Stuart windows which suggest that it was built or reconstructed in the bishop's time. Of the same period is the staircase (Fig. 12) at the north-west corner of the castle which formerly gave access to the upper floor of the wing. There is a good deal of panelling, some of which would ordinarily be dated as mid-17th century, but in view of the slowness of country carpenters to adopt new fashions, is probably also of the bishop's days. The entrance hall is lined with 17th-century panelling reset and there is more in two



3.—THE OAK ROOM. LATE 17th-CENTURY CHIMNEY-PIECE AND PANELLING; CEILING circa 1760

bedrooms in the south range. In the one illustrated (Fig. 10) there is an unusual arrangement of panels set not one above the other but in the way you lay bricks. The panelling and stone chimney-piece in the Oak room (Fig. 3) at the south-west corner of the building will be of the bishop's time or his son's,

but the pretty ceiling, which has in the oval a twining vine pattern, belongs to the mid-18th-century alterations.

The bishop's successor, another Sir Herbert Croft (1691-1720), had been created a baronet in 1671. His wife was an Archer of Umberslade, Warwickshire, and she gave



4.—GOTHIC PLASTERWORK ON THE MAIN STAIRCASE. (Right) 5.—THE WESTERN CORRIDOR AT THE HEAD OF THE STAIRS



her maiden name to her second son, who succeeded to the baronetcy, and also to his son, the third baronet. The first of these two Sir Archer Crofts lived beyond his means, raised mortgages on his estates and died in 1753 deeply in debt. The chief mortgagee was Richard Knight, son of the wealthy Shropshire ironmaster and uncle of Richard Payne Knight, the connoisseur of Downton; he seems to have been in possession of the castle and perhaps living in it before the second baronet's death. His daughter, Elizabeth, married Thomas Johnes of Llanfair-clydogau, father of Thomas Johnes of Hafod, and eventually Johnes the elder with the aid of his wife's dowry was able to purchase the property from the third baronet, who succeeded in cutting off the entail.

Richard Knight did not die until 1765, but his daughter and her husband lived at Croft with him, so that it is difficult to be certain whether the alterations to the castle were due to Knight or to Johnes. In *The Castles of Herefordshire* the Rev. C. J. Robinson states: "Mr. Knight made considerable alterations immediately after it came into his hands and by Mr. Johnes the eastern side was rebuilt and the whole fabric greatly modernised." As the younger man, Johnes is the more likely of the two to have been captivated by the romantic fancies emanating from Horace Walpole's circle, and it may have been Lord



6.—THE BLUE AND GOLD ROOM

Bateman who turned his mind to the Gothick : Shobdon and its church are only a few miles south-west of Croft. In the National Library of Wales at Aberystwyth there is a collection of letters written by Thomas Johnes to his brother in Carmarthenshire from which it appears that he was devoted to the castle, where he lived in great style and entertained constantly. The Gothicising of Croft and indeed the whole character of the place must have had their influence, not only on the creator of Hafod, but on the builder of Downton Castle as well. Richard Payne Knight was only fifteen when his uncle died, but as a boy he will have visited Croft and his relations there. The younger Johnes, according to the Rev. Mr. Robinson, an unreliable authority, was born at Croft, but for this to have been possible his grandfather Knight must have been living there by 1748. In the *Dictionary of National Biography* Ludlow is given as his birthplace. Although brought up at Croft, which may well have stimulated the romantic imaginings of an impressionable boy, he evidently did not share his father's interest and delight in the place: Johnes senior died in 1780, and in 1783 his son settled at Hafod, and two years later sold Croft to Somerset Davies, the M.P. for Ludlow.

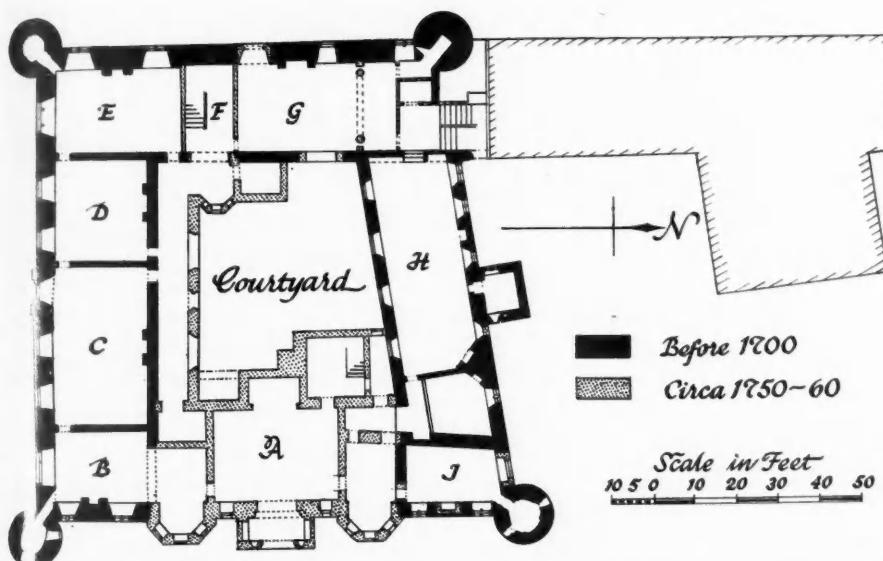
As explained last week, the east front was open in the middle before Johnes built the Gothic centrepiece closing the gap. You entered the court between two deep wings, the northern one not parallel to the southern but splayed outward, as the plan shows. The hall was in the west range, occupying the



7.—DOORCASE IN THE BLUE AND GOLD ROOM



8.—A GOTHIICK CHIMNEY-PIECE



9.—PLAN. A, Entrance Hall; B, Small drawing-room; C, Drawing-room; D, Blue and Gold room; E, Oak room; F, Main staircase; G, Dining-room; H, Kitchen; J, Little dining-room. The wing shown hatched was demolished in 1937

position of the present dining-room and probably also of the staircase immediately west of it (G,F.). The entrance doorway was probably near the north-west corner, where a Paladian window was made when the room was turned into a Georgian dining-room. There is a pair of Ionic columns carrying an entablature at what must originally have been the screens end of the hall.

By filling in the centre of the east range Johnes provided a large entrance hall (A). Along the south side of the court a passage was made to give direct access from the new block to the west range, and above it there is a similar corridor or gallery. The passage and other adjuncts shown in the plan reduced the courtyard to small dimensions. Its walls are of brick. The centre of the Gothic block was altered in 1914, when the porch was added, but the two flanking bays with their battlements and their pointed and heavily labelled windows show what were Johnes's (or his architect's) conceptions of Gothic. Fig. 11 gives an interior view of one of the bays.

The main staircase (Figs. 2 and 4) is really just the ordinary Georgian staircase with turned balusters and continuous hand-rail, but it has a few Gothic touches: the clustered shafts of the newel posts and the cusping of the large panel forming the underside of the upper flight. It was left to the plasterwork to give the required Gothic character with a niche having a crocketed ogee head, panels with pointed arches, a band of quatrefoils, a vaguely Gothic cornice and a cusped design for the ceiling. It is all quite pleasant and harmless, and one does not feel that there is any discordance with the classical detail of the dining-room doorcase or of the arches of the corridor above (Fig. 5).

The Oak room ceiling (Fig. 3) has already been mentioned. Here the detail is of a slightly Rococo nature and no Gothic features appear, but there is more than a hint of Gothic in the ceiling of the adjoining room in the south range (Fig. 6), which centres on an almost flamboyant design of tracery enclosed within a cusped circle. This room, in pale blue and gold, was evidently a music room from the trophies of instruments on the chimney-piece. The Jacobean panelling was kept and brought into the scheme by gilding the mouldings and painting in each panel a gold rosette shadowed to give the illusion of standing out in relief. The effect is

charming. The chimney-piece, which has a Gallic elegance, and the enriched doorcases (Fig. 7) are clearly by a leading London firm, one, too, in which the designer showed a considerable degree of freedom and invention. It has not been possible to illustrate the drawing-room, which lies east of the Blue and Gold room in the south range. Here, too, there are enriched doorcases with carved friezes, but the walls are lined with the usual large-scale Georgian panelling and the ceiling is divided into octagonal panels with decorated centres of varying designs. In the Little dining-room (J on the plan) there is another piece of Gothickry in the chimney-piece designed in triptych form with a mirror as the centre panel (Fig. 8). The detail shows some resemblance to the work at Shobdon Church, where ogee arches with crockets and finials and clustered shafts are much in evidence. Lord Bateman's unidentified architect may well have been the man whom Thomas Johnes employed.

Croft returned to the Croft family in 1923. Somerset Davies, who purchased from

Johnes of Hafod, left a daughter, who married the Rev. James Kevill, a fellow of Exeter College, Oxford. Their son, the Rev. W. T. Kevill-Davies, died in 1906, and his grandson in 1913 let the castle to Major Atherley, who made some alterations, including the addition of the porch on the east front. After the first World War the opportunity of buying back the estate arose and was taken by the trustees of the eleventh baronet, Sir James Croft, while he was still a minor.

At this point we must retrace our steps to Sir Archer Croft, the third baronet, by whom Croft had been sold. He was succeeded in the baronetcy by his brother, on whose death in 1797 it went to the Rev. Herbert Croft, grandson of a younger brother of the second baronet. Sir Herbert, as he became, had a rather unsatisfactory career as a lawyer, an author and a clergyman, but although he made a success of none of his professions, he managed to earn a small niche in the temple of Fame. He was at University College, Oxford, when its common room was adorned by the bright cluster of eminent lawyers and administrators whose company Dr. Johnson enjoyed so much. Croft contributed to Johnson's *Lives of the Poets* the memoir on Young (of *Night Thoughts*) with whose son he was intimate. He also proposed to publish a revised and enlarged edition of the famous *Dictionary* and spent several years on the project before abandoning it. To assist him in the immense work of docketing and filing he had made a special kind of writing-cabinet with drawers, sliding desk and top with hinge flaps (Fig. 14). Sir Ambrose Heal wrote an article on this early type of filing-cabinet (COUNTRY LIFE, January 17, 1947) to which its makers, the firm of Seddon, gave the eponym of the Croft. The example illustrated has pinned to the inside of the door the advertisement of the makers, "Messrs. Seddon Sons and Shackleton, Aldersgate Street, London." In Lemuel Abbott's portrait of this clerical author (Fig. 13), there appear busts of Dr. Johnson and of Lowth, the Bishop of London, to whom Croft owed his Essex living of Prittlewell. He spent his last years in France, whither he had retired to escape his creditors. His brother, Richard, to whom the baronetcy passed, was a physician and the leading accoucheur of his time, but his career had a tragic end. The fatal result of Princess Charlotte's confinement was blamed on him,



10.—LATE 17th-CENTURY PANELLING IN A BEDROOM



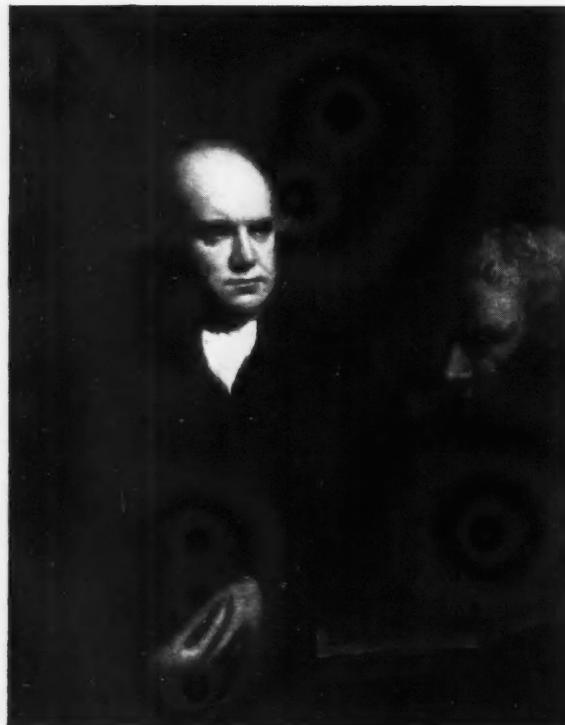
11.—ONE OF THE BAY WINDOWS ON THE EAST FRONT. (Right) 12.—LATE STUART STAIRCASE AT THE NORTH-WEST ANGLE

and he took it so deeply to heart that he shot himself.

After Croft had been bought back, the eleventh baronet went to live at the castle with his mother. His father, Sir Herbert Archer Croft, had been killed in the first World War in Gallipoli, and he lost his life accidentally when serving as a Commando in 1941. The heir to the baronetcy was his uncle, now Sir Hugh Croft, who farms in New South Wales, but Croft Castle with the demesne and the contents of the house was

left by will to the first Lord Croft, whose grandfather had been a younger brother of the eighth baronet. Lord Croft was more familiar as Brigadier-General Page Croft, the well-known M.P. for Bournemouth, on whom a baronetcy was conferred in 1924 and the barony of Croft of Bournemouth in 1940, when he became Under-Secretary of State for War in Mr. Churchill's administration. His son, who succeeded him in 1947, decided to part with the castle and estate, which he sold last year to his cousin, Major Owen Croft of

Hephill, Lugwardine. So Croft continues in the ownership of the family to which it has given their name. Major Croft, who is a younger brother of the present baronet, has recently published a history of his family, reference to which was made last week. It has been an indispensable aid to the compiling of these articles. Our photographs were taken last summer while Lord and Lady Croft were still living in the castle. It may be added that the collection of family portraits and some of the furniture remain with the house.

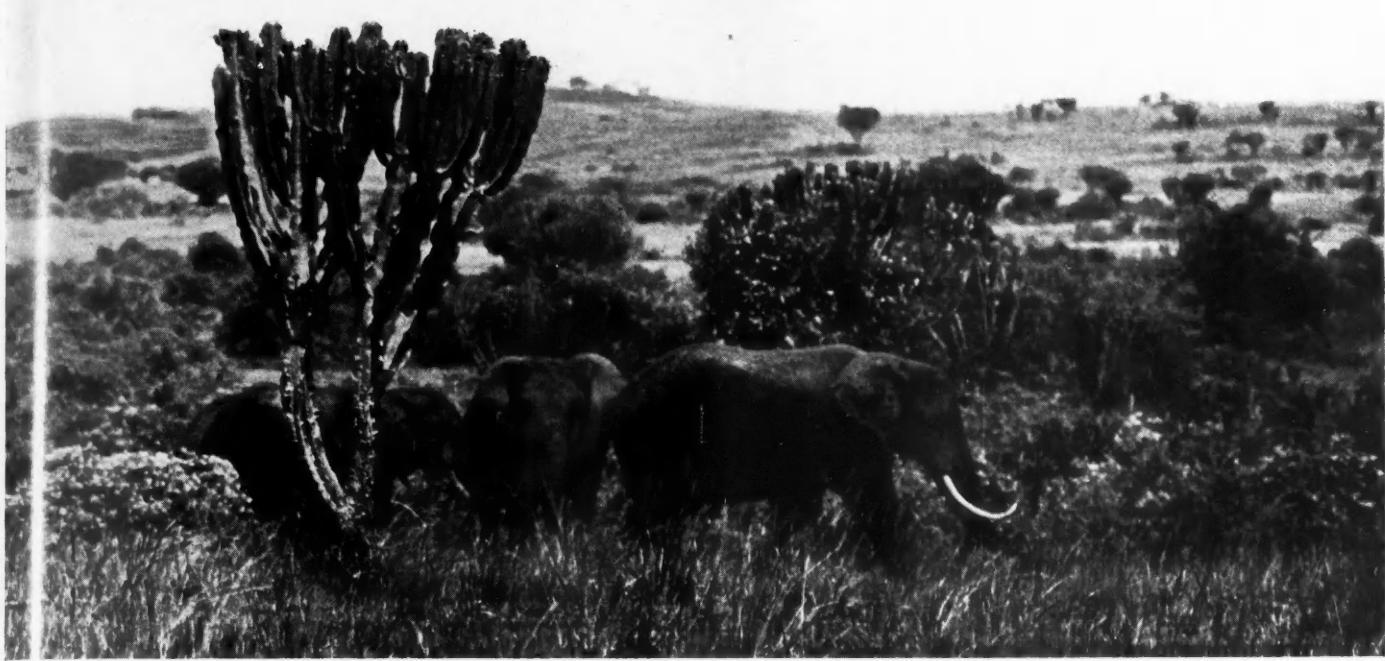


13.—THE REVEREND SIR HERBERT CROFT, FIFTH BARONET, BY LEMUEL ABBOTT. (Right) 14.—THE WRITING- AND FILING-CABINET CALLED THE CROFT, WHICH WAS MADE TO HIS SPECIFICATION



ELEPHANTS AT HOME

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A BULL ELEPHANT WITH MALFORMED TUSKS AT KATWE, LAKE EDWARD, CENTRAL AFRICA

If anyone wants to see elephants in large numbers, in fairly open country, and under comfortable conditions that do not necessitate much walking, let him go to Lake Edward. It lies a little below the equator and half-way across Africa, and is shared by Uganda and the Belgian Congo. From Fort Portal, which is 208 miles by motor road from the rail-head at Kampala, it is 84 miles to the fisheries at Katwe, which lies in the north-east corner of the Lake. There are plenty of elephants round Katwe, but if the traveller wants to see more, he can do so by going on, over the Kazinga Channel ferry, round the east and south sides of the Lake, to Kibale, whence it is only 50 miles through superb scenery to the Belgian Congo frontier, and another 50 on to Ruindi in the Parc National Albert, at the south end of Lake Edward.

Personally, I prefer Katwe, because there is left to oneself and not bear-led as at Ruindi. Sitting in the verandah of the little Katwe rest-house, overlooking the lake and the green forest-bordered flats below, while elephants roam about feeding, or bathing to the grunting annoyance of unfriendly hippo, gives me a feeling of interested content such as is not attainable by driving across country and staring at animals that are almost indecently tame, as in the Belgian National Park. True, one sees no volcanoes at Katwe, such as are strewn around the horizon on the way to Ruindi, but the 60-mile long Lake has plenty to offer in itself.

My last trip, in September last, was directly influenced by a previous one undertaken in the same month of 1946. For on that occasion I had been fortunate to find four lesser elephants (*Elephas cyclotis*) and to photograph them in company with eleven of the ordinary large African elephants (*E. africanus*). And, since I had had only two days with this party of two bull and two cow *cyclotis*, I hoped to find them there again and to study them.

However, it was not to be, for a week's search, in which I saw 114 elephants, did not yield a single *cyclotis*. Taken by and large they are forest-dwelling beasts, and my first quartette had probably come from the Congo forests. Their conformation is different from that of *E. africanus*, for they are higher on the leg and later in build, though about two feet less in height—nine feet, instead of eleven, in the case of old bulls. The forehead of *cyclotis* is more rounded, without a big frontal bump, and

the whole head rather shallower; and the tusks are long and thin and directed more downward than forward.

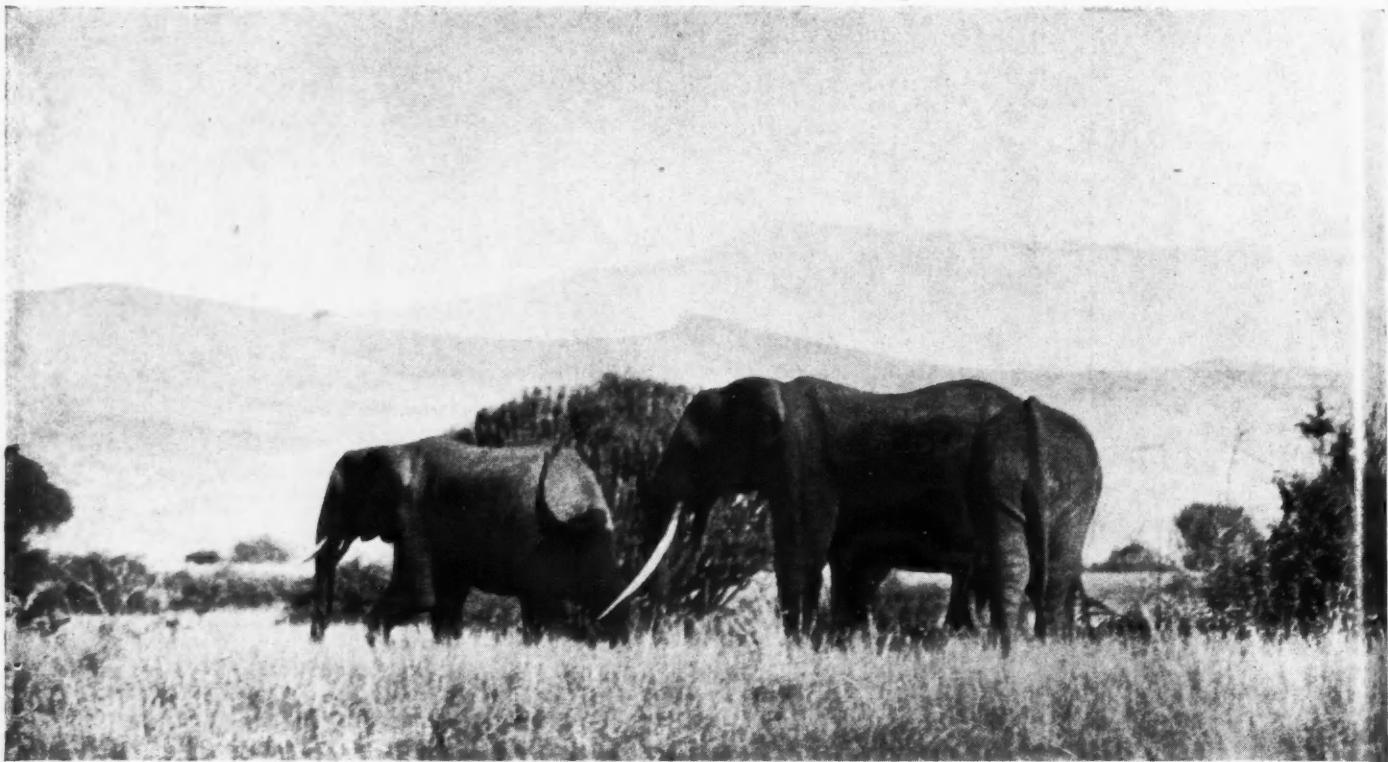
In spite of the absence of my special quarry my study of several herds and solitary bulls yielded interesting results. Only one small herd of seven seemed to be permanently resident there, living close to the fishing village and

watering at 11 a.m. punctually a quarter of a mile west of it, then usually bathing off Pelican Point, a promontory tipped with rank after rank of pelicans.

It was this herd with which the four *cyclotis* had been in 1946, for there was still with them a tuskless cow, now grown into the biggest of the herd. She was extremely



A CROSS-TUSKED BULL ELEPHANT



EXCEPTIONALLY LONG THIN TUSK, PROBABLY 7 FT. OUTSIDE

bad-tempered and persistently bullied a youngster whose tusks grew at diverging angles and who evidently had an inferiority complex about them. The others also took mean advantage of this defect, prodding him with their tusks and jostling him away, raising roars and squeals of protest from the victim, who was not even allowed to water with them, but was sent several yards away to drink. It was pathetic to see this

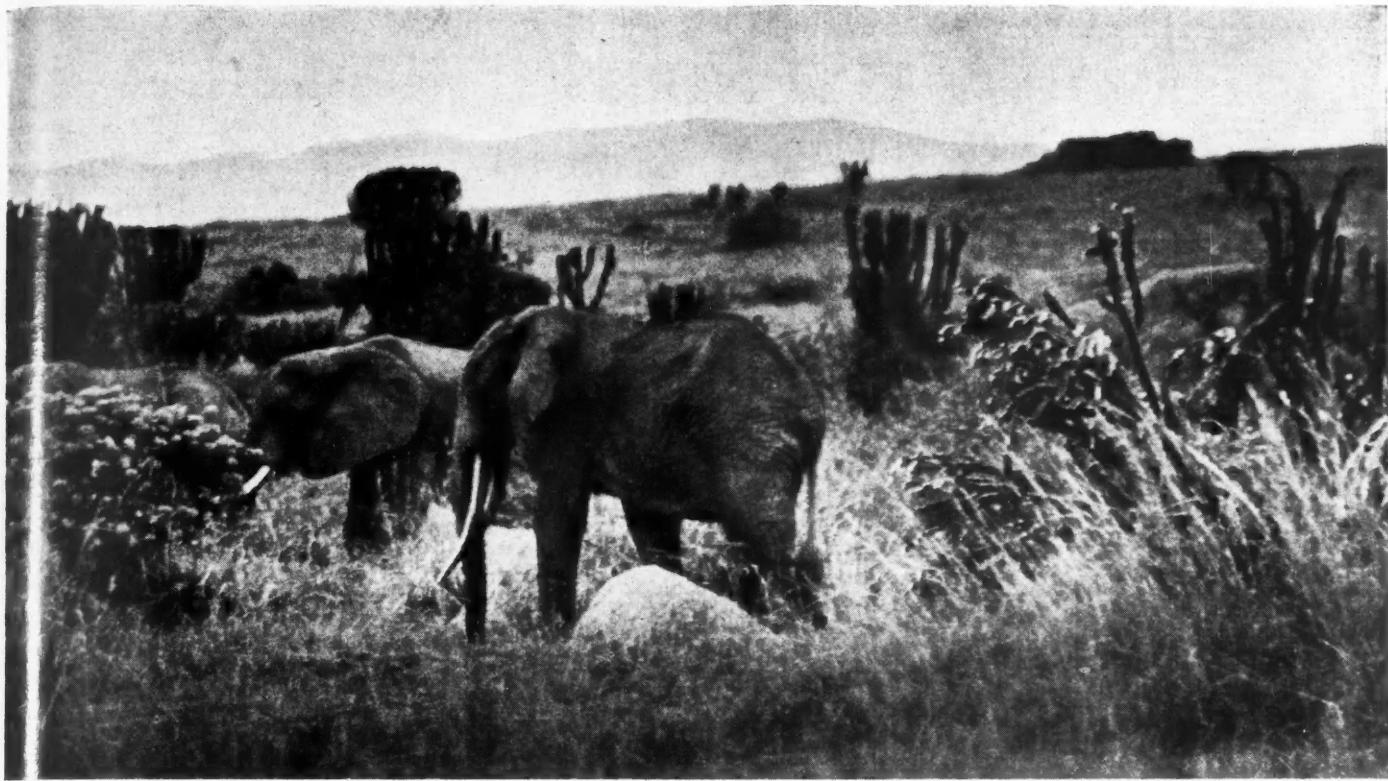
poor put-upon youngster hurrying after the others when they left him to go off and bathe after drinking, ignoring him completely.

On my first full morning I came upon a herd of nine elephants with a bull whose tusks curved up at the ends like those of the extinct Siberian mammoth and, after much difficult manoeuvring in bush, got a photograph of him. It is hard in such country to get the subject clear of

cover and at the same time avoid unpleasant attentions from the rest of the herd. This herd stopped there only two days and then disappeared, probably returning to their usual feeding-grounds after their week-end at the lake-side.

Down below the rest-house, away towards the forest, a herd of 32 spread themselves over a mile of country, and, since it was thicker there,

(Left to right) TUSKLESS COW, ADULT BULL, COW (ALL *E. AFRICANUS*) AND ADULT BULL (*E. CYCLOPS*)



LESSER ELEPHANT (*E. CYCLOTIS*). This breed is lighter in build than the common African elephant (*E. africanus*) and approximately 2 ft. less in height

gave me several hours' work looking through them before I could decide that they had no *cyclootis* among them. They did have one unusual character, however, a small bull calf who thought that the world and everything in it were there for him to play with, and who gave me one or two nervous moments in case he should spot me and decide to have me for a playmate. He chased waterbuck and warthog with zest all over the countryside, but made a mistake with a hippo who was wandering back late from the night's grazing. The incident nearly resulted in the death of the hippo by the tusks of the child's furious mother. The child of course needed smacking, and did get a good wallop from the trunk of a bull with whom he interfered while the latter was placidly chewing some greenery.

The last morning at Katwe produced another most interesting elephant of which I had already heard: his tusks were said to be crossed so close to his face that he could not get his trunk up to feed, a story that proved to be only partly true.

After returning from getting petrol at an Indian shop just north of the Lake, I spotted the back of an elephant a little way up a slope barely a mile away. I stopped the lorry and mounted to the roof of the cab, and saw through the glasses that something was wrong with the animal's tusks, so Kabogo, the camera boy, and I set off to try for pictures. The bush was thick and it was some time before we got a clear look at these tusks, but when we did they certainly seemed to me to be unique. They were crossed about ten inches from the end of a total length

of five feet outside, and from the front looked as if they were folded across his chest. There was no difficulty about feeding, however, for the trunk was raised with ease and the tusks used as a sort of tray to lift up green foliage. Photography was not easy, for not only did the bush make it most difficult to get a clear shot, but the subject was suspicious and bad-tempered, probably having been turned out of a herd on account of his disability. There was a nasty little bit of white showing in his sunken eye, a forward flapping of great ears, and constant testing of the wind with raised trunk which made me very careful. At the end of two hours, having made five exposures, I was glad to go. The wind is erratic round a lake and in bush.

In 1946, between Lake George and Lake Edward, I had got a picture of a bull elephant with an extraordinary long and thin left tusk, some seven feet of ivory showing outside, but probably not more than 70 lb of it in the whole tusk. Hoping that he might still be about, I took camp over there. It was not a good move. I had had trouble with hippo on the first occasion, and this time I had to spend most of the night shooting them away.

Luck was against us in other ways, too. Not satisfied with my photographs of Uganda kob, I had hoped for more, and even as we pitched the tents a fine buck watched us from 300 yards away. Having settled into camp we saw a dozen hunting dogs suddenly come cantering across the plain, and in a few seconds every living animal had vanished except a couple of old buffalo bulls, who care naught for such vermin.

Then the afternoon thunderstorms began, three of them combining almost to drown the camp and making it impossible to go out that afternoon. Night was so hideous with intruding hippo and elephant, and the roaring of lions, that I decided to leave without further delay. As we packed, a herd of 35 elephant, last seen miles away near Katwe, crossed the plain half a mile from camp. They were unmistakable, for the number of small toots and cows were the same, and two large bulls trundled along a little apart from the herd. It was clear that elephants move about more than I had thought, even when they are undisturbed and food is so plentiful that there is no necessity to search elsewhere. As we drove away from the camp, solitary bulls of elephant and buffalo were dotted about a landscape that had been empty of them the previous evening.



A YOUNGSTER WITH DIVERGENT TUSKS DESERTED BY THE HERD

A CAUSERIE ON BRIDGE

HONOURS

THE obsession for scoring, at all costs, the bonus for four or five honours in one hand is tied up with some popular fallacies. Take, for instance, the case of the barren hand containing four Aces:

WEST ♠ A 8 7 3 EAST ♠ K 10 9 5
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 ♦ A 4 ♦ K J 6 2
 ♣ A 9 6 5 ♣ Q 10 8

West deals, and the routine bidding is One No-Trump—Three No-Trumps. A lot of luck will be needed to get home if Hearts are led, especially when the King is held by South.

It will be noticed that it is better for this hand to be played in No-Trumps by East. Whatever South leads, he is likely to present declarer with a trick and a tempo, or to eliminate a guess—an illustration of the fallacy that the hand with the Aces "must be led up to."

The bidding of these hands by two expert players would astonish those who consider that a hand with four Aces calls for an automatic No-Trump opening. The correct contract would be reached cautiously via the following route: One Club—One Diamond; One Spade—Three Spades; Four Spades.

I have heard it suggested by a bewildered onlooker that West had obviously overlooked his four Aces; how, otherwise, could he fail to play the hand in No-Trumps?

This brings me to make a rather sweeping statement, but one which I know to be true: the good player takes no account of his honours, and bids as if he were oblivious to their existence.

The mathematical realities behind the Contract Bridge Scoring Table are imperfectly understood by the rank and file. Bridge is not an exact science; it is a game of probabilities. A certain call in a certain situation is the correct bid, not because it is sure to succeed against all the vagaries of a pack of cards, but because that particular call is calculated to show the best results *in the long run*.

To take another fallacy—the non-free double of opponents' contract. If East-West bid up to Three Spades, at game all, but with no score below the line, it is a sound precept that South should not double unless, in the light of the previous bidding, he can hope for a two-trick set. This is to allow a margin of safety in the event of some unexpected development (such as indifferent defence!), for the doubling of opponents into game is rated as one of the worst of Bridge crimes. Relations between the guilty one and his late partner will be strained for a long time to come.

The fine player, however, is not so scrupulous. He knows that innumerable bad part-score contracts are unpenalised to the full extent because of this bogey. He believes in another wise saying: that the player who never doubles his opponents into game will never be a big winner. If the contract is made once in ten cases, he is far from dismayed; on the other nine occasions the penalty will be anything from 200 to 1,100 points, which means an ample profit in the long run.

The same considerations apply to the ill-advised efforts that are made to score the bonus for honours. I cannot do better than quote a hand that was kindly sent in by a Norfolk reader:

WEST ♠ K Q 5 EAST ♠ A J 10 8 7 3
 ♦ A K Q J 7 4 2 ♦ A J 9 3
 ♦ K 8 ♦ A J 9 3
 ♣ A ♣ 6 4 2

West, vulnerable, dealt and opened Two Hearts, playing the Forcing Two. After East's response of Two Spades, Blackwood located the missing Aces, so West bid Seven Hearts, found five trumps in one hand and went one down. Surely one of the most monstrous hard-luck stories of all time!

I imagine that nine players out of ten would bid the same way.

But let us consider the matter from the angle of long-term probabilities. We will assume that a similar lay-out crops up a hundred times

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in a player's lifetime, and that on each occasion he bids Seven Hearts.

Now there is one thing that is absolutely certain: if Seven Hearts can be made, so can Seven No-Trumps. The suit contract is at the mercy of a bad break in trumps or of an opening lead that is ruffed by South. In No-Trumps, even if the Hearts fail to drop, the tricks may be found elsewhere. It will be noted in this example that the four top Hearts only are needed to make 13 tricks.

The only advantage, therefore, of playing the grand slam in Hearts is to score the extra 100 for honours.

When six cards in a suit are missing, declarer will run into a 5-1 division 15 times in 100. All six will be in one hand once in 100 times. On the remaining 84 occasions, Seven Hearts will be made, each time showing a profit of 90 points over a Seven No-Trump contract—100 for honours less the 10 points difference between the trick score of 220 and 210. This gives him a gross profit over 100 deals of 7,560 points.

But on the other 16 occasions Seven Hearts will fail, whereas Seven No-Trumps would succeed.

Assuming that the opponents are not so crazy as to double, West's loss of 100 is balanced by his honours. But in Seven No-Trumps he would have scored 220 (trick score) plus 500 for rubber plus 1,500 for the grand slam. The loss over 100 deals is 16 times 2,220, a total of 35,520.

His net loss over 100 deals is, therefore, 27,960 points.

Viewed in this light, it is clear that a player who is bemused by his honours will have to do well in other departments to make up for the points he will lose.

And now for an incident that occurred some years ago. It shows up the honours paranoia in a somewhat unusual form.

North dealt at game all and opened a

conventional Two Clubs. South, his partner, viewed the following with some relish:

♠ K J 9 3 ♦ 9 8 ♦ K Q J ♣ K J 10 2

With visions of big things to come, as a first step he bid Two No-Trumps. North bid Three Hearts and South Three Spades. North now bid a Blackwood Four No-Trumps, and South bid Five Clubs. North jumped straight to Seven Hearts.

South was a player of imagination. Since North could bid the grand slam with the knowledge that South was Ace-less, clearly he must hold all four Aces himself. South had values beyond those shown by his bidding; so why not score the extra 160 points?

Not only did he bid Seven No-Trumps but he offered to spread his hand without waiting for the opening lead. West, however, doffed with some confidence and led the Ace of Diamonds!

This was one of the occasions where a Bridge-minded jury might have acquitted North of murder. His hand was this:

♠ A Q 6 ♦ A K Q J 10 7 3. ♦ A ♣ A Q 9

North had bid his hand with skill. Under the system played, he could tell from the high cards in his own hand that South's positive response of Two No-Trumps was based either on an Ace and a King, or on a King-Queen and two Kings. The response to Blackwood identified the latter combination, which filled in all the gaps in North's hand; whereas a possible holding of the Ace-King of Diamonds would have been completely useless for grand slam purposes.

The post-mortem revealed an ironical twist. The deflated South had to confess that he was trying to score the bonus for the honours that his partner was presumed to hold. "That was decent of you," replied North, "but apart from throwing away game, rubber and grand slam, you, incidentally, did me out of 150 for my honours in Hearts!"

SHADOW OVER THE HAMLET

By RICHARD CHURCH

THE trouble with the townsman who goes to live in the country is that he tends to wander about with his head in the air, sniffing the four seasons with an ecstatic nose, and neglecting the more basic elements of which Nature, and human nature, are composed. I find myself continually at fault in that way, and just lately I have had a timely rap to remind me that the serpent who played so important a part in the history of the family of Man entered that history by way of the garden, and set about his machinations with a tree in the foreground.

No, the countryside is not always innocent and serene, and at the moment I am somewhat anxiously conscious of this because of events taking place, or said to be taking place, in our hamlet.

Two of our oldest inhabitants, deep-rooted natives, are brothers who live together in a disused beer-house. It is a picturesque building, of wood and Kentish red tiles. To judge from its proportions (and that is about all there is left of it) it was put up in the latter end of the 18th century, for the angles are elegant, though the fabric is slattern. Weatherboards are missing here and there, and the gaps are stuffed with sacking mucked with an application of tar, or boarded over with lids of cube sugar boxes. One end of the crusted old roof is in a shameful state, and three sheets of tattered corrugated iron cover the otherwise naked rafters. The front door is nailed up and a string of scarlet runners grows across it in summer. Its winter adornment is the dry and rattling pods and stems of last year's beans. On one panel of the door is a tin-plate advertisement for somebody's tea. It must have been nailed up there in 1880, to judge from the typography. The windows are wall-eyed with dirt, those that still have glass in them. The rest are merely sockets, filled with bits of odd wood and sacking. In one of them

the sacking is augmented with a bird's nest, to add to the blindness. The front garden is a mass of old box bushes overgrowing what was once a path, where brambles and nettles contend, only too successfully, with a few attenuated cabbage stalks.

The fence on to the lane is mostly down, a fragment of it still leaning outward. This, too, would have fallen had not there been a tree to support it. The tree, too, is probably glad of the prop, for it is very old, very moss-sodden, furrowed with grey ribs along every bough. But each year in May it puts out a few soft blossoms, and each autumn still fewer sour damsons.

The general effect is, perhaps, ornamental, but wholly sordid. The hamlet is not proud of this smallholding; but nothing can be done about it while the brothers, the two freeholders, survive along with their damson tree. They, however, put out no white blossoms in the spring. They keep a perpetual autumn, and their fruit is eternally sour. The elder is said to be eccentric. He looks it. He is always muffled up in a sort of reefer jacket, with an old cap on his head. Cap and head are so much of a piece, that it is impossible to differentiate one from the other. They are of the same colour, a smoky greyish-brown, half shiny with the natural greases that accumulate wherever animal life continues for long in one place. He is blind in one eye, and the ear on that side is stuffed with a wad of what was once cotton-wool. He wears a scarf, perhaps because of this affliction, and thus his head is only half-apparent, like an egg in a cap. But an egg in its cup, so smooth, so neat and dapper, is an incongruous simile for this old man, because he is an object that one associates with fogs, mists, composts of all sorts.

His younger brother is the bread-winner, and is more recognisable as a member of society. He has two eyes, and shaves from time to time.

His clothes have the appearance of being removable. And he makes contact with his neighbours, doing odd jobs such as hacking down brambles, tidying up bits of overgrown waste ground. But his main means of support is his licence to sell tobacco and cigarettes. And it is this that has led to the shadow over the hamlet.

I first heard of the trouble from the game-keeper, who came to my back-door with a rabbit. "Have you 'eard about the burglary?" he asked. He is always a soft-voiced man, owing, perhaps to his solitary life. He seemed reluctant to use the dramatic word. It sounded more like the buzz of a passing bee than a reference to house-breaking. I got him to repeat it; and he blushed. Then, in an embarrassed whisper, he told me that three people, two men and a woman (he emphasised, "and a woman, mind you!") had gone round to the back of the old

beer-house (its licence long since fallen into history), forced their way through the half-door, and robbed the younger brother of half his store of cigarettes. The police had been informed, at the small town five miles away, and an inspector had been over on a motor-bike. But nothing more. Sympathy for the poor old chap was seasoned with indignation that *foreigners*, by which was meant squatting fruit-pickers, some of whom had remained on in the hop-picker huts after the autumn season, should be allowed to "get away with it."

Next day, I passed the elder brother by the pond on the green. He was standing staring into its opaque surface of weeds with his one enflamed and angry eye. I murmured some words of sympathy. The eye flashed by me like a lighthouse beam, and passed round again. There was no humane contact. I took it as the mariners take their warning beam, a sign of rocks

ahead and a lee shore. "Eh?" grunted the old brother; and returned to his weed-gazing.

Two days later (rumour is leisurely in our hamlet), the domestic help, a comely and vigorous married woman, brought the subject afresh into the house. "Wicked business, I call it!" she said. "What's the police doing, I want to know. Them poor old chaps got their living to make, ain't they? To be held up with a revolver, too! Why, it ain't civilised, leastways, in old England it ain't. Might be living in them foreign parts you see on the films. I don't know what we be coming to, I'm sure." She was red with anger, and fear. And to my surprise, I saw that it would not do for me to make my usual weekly journey to London, leaving the house solely in the charge of one dear companion and the Corgi dog. I should first have to get this rumour removed, and the shadow cleared from our hamlet.

CORRESPONDENCE

D. MAGE BY SNOW

SIR—Many readers of COUNTRY LIFE will have been wondering about the future of their fruit crops after the snowstorm of the night of April 25-26, and shrub and tree enthusiasts, like myself, will have been equally alarmed at the damage to their choice species.

It was a shock to me when I awoke on the morning of the 26th to see my *Choisya ternata*, 7 ft. to 8 ft. high and as much in width, weighed down from the fence like a Moamadan at prayer draped in white, and my *Viburnum tomentosum*, which was in full leaf, looked as though it was in flower. In many places cherries were badly split and broken, and branches on the larger trees crashed down like cannons going off. But my tree of *Malus Lemoinei* (flowering crab), covered in crimson blossom, its colour intensified by the carpet of snow below, was neither weighed down nor broken.

I imagine that, if my *Choisya* had been fixed more securely to the fence, it, too, would have suffered like many other shrubs, but that, being supple and loosely tied, it was able to withstand the weight of the snow. A small branch of *Viburnum Burkwoodii*, tougher in growth, was broken off.—NOEL J. PROCKTER, Crawley, Sussex.

THE MOUSE THAT LIKED SCHUBERT

SIR.—Apropos of your correspondence about singing mice, I wonder if any of your readers has watched a listening mouse? We have one which enjoys listening to music with us, including the recent broadcast of

Schubert's Symphony No. 9 in C. It is quite tame, and sat near to the armchairs and sofa on which three of us were sitting; it appeared to enjoy the music, and disappeared when the news came on at 9 o'clock!—GRACE D. GRANT (Mrs.), Ardmillan, By Girvan, Ayrshire.

A RECORD PEDIGREE?

SIR.—While going over some family papers my cousin and I came across the enclosed in the writing of our great-grandmother, which we thought too pleasing to be kept to ourselves. The transcript retains the exact spelling and lack of punctuation of the original copy.

"The copy of a letter addressed to Mrs. Lingham by John Bonnick a shoemaker at Goudhurst, who presented her with two kittens.

"Goudhurst Augst 31st 1848

"Jno Bonnick kind respects to Mrs Lingham have sent her A brace of Kittens the offspring of an exelent mousier A very superior breed can trace the origen as far back as William the conqueror the cat hid herself up in the hole of A Ship coming over to this Country and kittened on the Voyage the ship put into Plymouth Harbour and the kittens six in number fetcht an enormoes price being so great A rarity coming from Normandy the Mother of them kittens could trace her origen more than one hundred years before the birth of Wittengtons Catt and of the same breed some people say the first Catt of that breed was bred in the Garden of Eden and was drove out with our first Parents but that I cannot vouch for

"yours truly
"Jno Bonnick

THE IRON CROWN OF MONZA, THE SYMBOLIC CROWN OF THE LOMBARDS

See letter: *The Iron Crown of Monza*

fl.—M. GORDON (Mrs.), Gillean House, Tarshavaig, Sleat, Isle of Skye.

THE IRON CROWN OF MONZA

SIR.—I send a rare photograph that I was fortunate enough to obtain in Italy many years ago of the Iron Crown of Monza (the famous symbolic crown of the Lombards, with which the kings of Italy were crowned), the strange story of whose disappearance from the Treasury of Monza Cathedral during the war was given by Mrs. Oswald Barron in her letter of March 3.

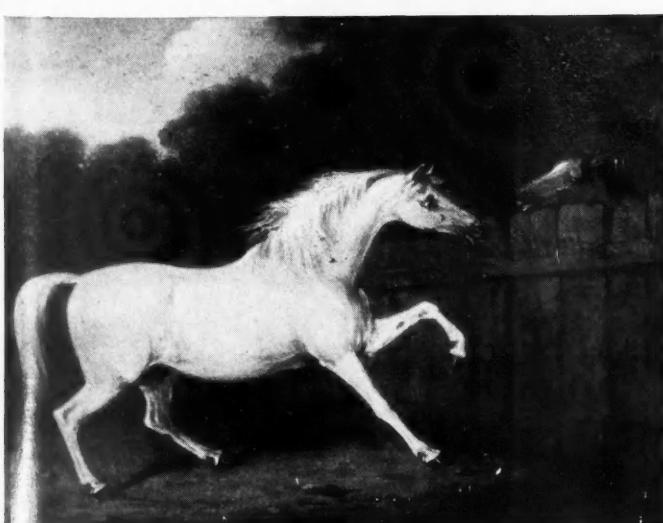
Mrs. Barron recalls that when in Rome recently she heard that this most historic crown—the crown which Napoleon placed on his own head at his coronation as King of Italy, in Milan Cathedral on May 26, 1805—is said to have been among the treasures and chests of money which Mussolini carried with him when he fled northwards towards Switzerland, and how it is feared that, when he was waylaid and shot by his captors on the shores of Lake Como and his money and treasure went into the Communist war chest, the crown shared the same fate.

Perhaps the accompanying photograph of a painting of mine of *Delphini* by H. B. Chalon may be of assistance. The particulars I have are: "Delphini, a grey horse foaled in 1781, got by Highflyer out of Countess. He died July 30, 1808, 27 years of age. Painted from a drawing after life by H. B. Chalon."—G. H. VERE-LAURIE (Lt.-Col.), Carlton-on-Trent, Newark, Nottinghamshire.

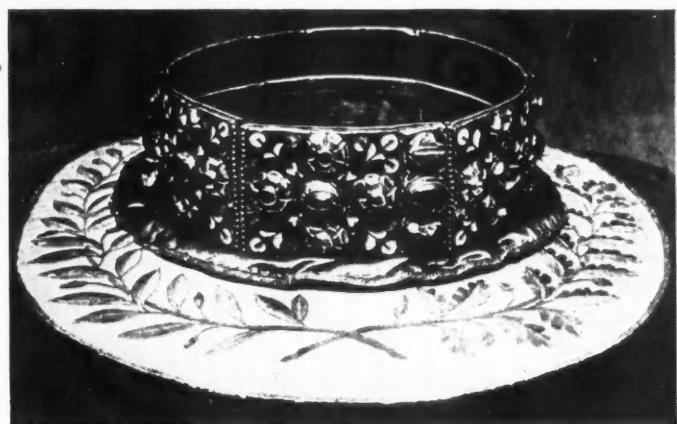
TURNING THE TABLES

SIR.—While looking from my house across a flat open stretch of grass recently I noticed two rabbits, ears erect, sitting one each side of the opening to their burrow. As I watched a stoat approached, and made several dashes towards the rabbits. Each time one or the other of them, on the principle that the best means of defence is attack, ran straight at it. The stoat tried repeatedly to dodge and to manoeuvre his way to the hole, but the rabbits rushed and harried him so determinedly that after about four or five minutes he turned and

Mrs. Barron reminds us that the so-called Iron Crown is, in fact, a golden circle of hinged plaques enamelled and set with precious stones, rendered rigid inside by a circle of iron, and recalls the ancient legend which reputes this iron band to have been formed from one of the nails of the true cross brought from Jerusalem by Helena, mother of Constantine, to Constantinople, and carried thence to Monza on the foundation of the basilica by Queen Theodolinda in 590. The theory, however, which she mentions, that the crown bears a resemblance to the native crowns of the 7th-century Visigothic kings of Spain now in the Armeria at Madrid and



DELPHINI, BY HIGHFLYER: FROM A PAINTING BY H. B. CHALON
See letter: *Question of Identity*



the Musée Cluny at Paris, cannot on technical grounds claim to be correct. And the alternative theory that it is "generally believed to be the work of the second part of the 9th century" is, I maintain, correct only so far as the enrichment of enamel, the background of its jewel-work, is concerned.

The jewel-work of the Crown of Monza is almost certainly by the hand of the goldsmith Antellotto Braccioforte, who re-fashioned much of the contents of the Treasury of Monza in the 14th century. The technique of the craftsmanship in the setting of the uncut precious stones—sapphires, emeralds and rubies—in raised collets, and the pattern of the gold rosettes, all point to the 14th century.

Those who may like to follow up the suggested clue as to the date of this precious example of the goldsmith's art should compare it with three other outstanding pieces of 14th-century jewellery surviving today, which are illustrated on Plates XV, XVI and XVII of my work *Jewellery*, in Methuen's *Connoisseurs' Library*, published in 1908. These are: first, the exquisite gold jewel, the monogram of the Blessed Virgin, the patron saint of the "College of St. Mary of Winton in Oxford," shaped like a Lombardic M enamelled and set with pearls, together with emeralds and rubies polished *en cabochon* (i.e. uncut and unfaceted), bequeathed by William of Wykeham to New College in 1404; second, the remarkable jewel formed of a large antique cameo, known as the Schaffhausen Onyx, with its magnificent mount composed of garnets, sapphires, pearls and turquoises in tall settings, the property of the small town of Schaffhausen in Switzerland; and third, the beautiful silver-gilt crown or circlet of hinged sections, probably from the figure of a Virgin, enriched with mounted pearls and coloured pastes in imitation of precious stones and surmounted by fleurs-de-lis, exhibited in the Musée du Cinquantenaire at Brussels.—H. CLIFFORD SMITH, 25, Campden Grove, Kensington, W.8.

MAUD HEATH'S CAUSEWAY

SIR.—I was interested to see a reference to Maud Heath's Causeway in your issue of March 31. The causeway itself is about 4½ miles long, running from the Clift, Chippenham, to the top of Wick Hill, where the column to her memory stands.

About half way along, at Kellaways, the road crosses the Avon; and your correspondent writes: "During the rainy season the roadway was under water, and before her death she bequeathed property and money for



MAUD HEATH'S CAUSEWAY, CHIPPENHAM, WILTSHIRE, WITH THE ADJOINING ROAD UNDER WATER

See letter: *Maud Heath's Causeway*

the erection and perpetual maintenance of an elevated path or causeway over a quarter of a mile long and rising to six feet above the level of the road. In the enclosed photograph the road is shown under water to a depth of about ten inches, and the elevated causeway on the left is fulfilling the purpose for which it was built.

Just beneath the farther telegraph pole is a small stone-built column recalling the origin of the causeway, and marking its halfway point.—K. R. MIDMER, 8, Holland Road, Grosvenor, Bath.

AN HERALDIC MISTAKE

SIR.—In your issue of April 21 Major A. G. Wade questions whether a mistake had in fact been made in the coat-of-arms of William of Waynflete, which was illustrated in COUNTRY LIFE recently. Waynflete's arms included a chief charged with three lilies, but that chief should have only been over Waynflete's own arms and should not have extended over the arms of the See of Winchester, with which Waynflete's arms were impaled; that was a definite heraldic mistake.—C. J. P. CAVE, Stoner Hill, Petersfield, Hampshire.

GROTESQUE CARVINGS

SIR.—The carved stalls at Swinbrook, in Oxfordshire, mentioned casually in an article in COUNTRY LIFE last year, are well above the average in quality, and the two enclosed photographs of them may interest your readers. There are grotesques not only in the

usual misericord position, under the seats, but also as shown in the photographs. I do not know of any other small village church with quite such fine and interesting carvings, but they were not executed for Swinbrook: these stalls came from Burford in 1826.

Swinbrook church has, however, some special interests which are strictly its own, for the fantastic Fettiplace memorials and figures are here, near the altar.—W. J. D., Oxfordshire.

TRY A MONGOOSE

SIR.—Your correspondent Mrs. Bolwell (COUNTRY LIFE, March 24) need not employ a "battery of snakes" to rid her cellar of frogs. One mongoose will suffice.

Many years ago at Jhelum, in the Punjab, I was frequently puzzled by the appearance of desiccated corpses of frogs on my verandah and sometimes on my bedroom floor, as well as spots of blood. My servants had no explanation to offer. However, when I was returning to my bungalow one morning, a mongoose, evidently disturbed by my footsteps on the drive, ran out of the open bedroom door and paused on the alert on the verandah. His snout was red with blood up to his eyes, and on spotting me he darted back into the room, whereupon I hastily shut the door in an effort to trap him. In this I failed, as he escaped out of an open window. On the floor of the room was a half-dead frog with a hole in the back of its

neck; it was practically drained of blood.

The mystery was only partially solved, as I did not understand why my room had been selected as the mongoose's slaughterhouse and dining room. A search soon revealed a small colony of frogs which had taken refuge in an empty packing-case with a hole in the bottom, which was resting on bricks in a corner of the room. A few were still alive, but many were dried up skins in which the hole in the back of the neck could be discerned. It is common for frogs to enter houses in the rains, but these had evaded eviction and there was no smell from the desiccated corpses.

I had never heard of a mongoose indulging in frogs' blood before, and should be interested to hear from anyone who has come across anything similar. I have, however, witnessed the alarming intoxicating effect of a boiled egg on a pet mongoose, which became fighting drunk for about twenty minutes and bit me violently on the big toe. That, however, is another story.—D. G. P. M. SHAWEN (Lt.-Col.), Brunswick, B.A.O.R., 11.

THE PLANTING OF CONIFERS

SIR.—It will serve no purpose for me to argue further with Mr. Potter (April 14) about the planting of conifers. The fact is that there are two completely divergent strains of attitude rather than opinion in the Britain of to-day. The majority view is modern, pursuing an industrial economy in the countryside, which is extractive, exploitative, extrinsic and exporting in its aims and methods; the minority view hates to see the industrialisation of the countryside of which the Forestry Commission's policy is but a part, and, though not opposed to the processes of change, does not accept that change when it involves wholesale disfigurement and the violation of ecological laws. It feels there is something fundamentally wrong, short-sighted and totally non-rural in changes which signify the imposition of an industrial will upon organic Nature and what our forefathers made of the countryside in collaboration with Nature.

Mr. Potter takes no account of ecology, but in the end this is the decisive factor. Britain is not a country of conifers except in certain well-defined areas, and a conifer policy (abandoned by the more enlightened forestry of the Continent for its injurious effects) involving in Wales the dispossession of sheep-farmers (and so the loss of mutton and lamb to the community) is certainly in the long run deleterious to both fertility and

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CARVED STALLS IN THE CHURCH AT SWINBROOK, OXFORDSHIRE

See letter: *Grotesque Carvings*

This England . . .



Tarn Hows—Lake District.

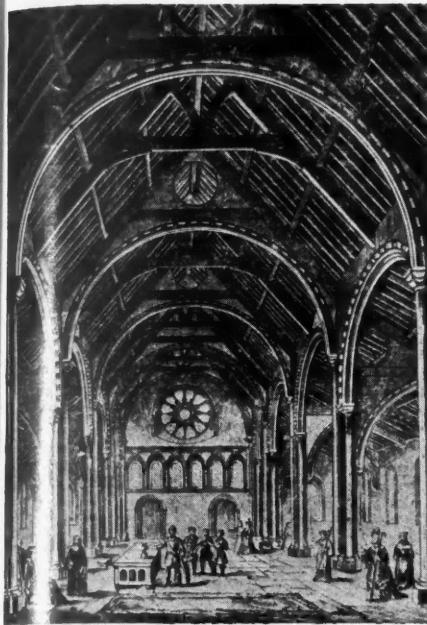
OF ALL the Englands that go to make this England, that of "the lakes" differs perhaps more than all. And each of us will think his favourite lake—studded maybe with little isles that fascinate the boy in us—to be the loveliest of all. Yet this is still England, bank and tree, cart-rut and sheltered farm, the common things of life proclaim it. And so it is, climber or walker or simple beauty-seeking tourist, that here too—your lungs filled with the crisp air, your coat sodden upon your back (for it can rain in these parts)—you will find another good thing common to English life . . . Your sunfilled Bass or Worthington, rich-brewed to soothe fatigue and keep your heart alift till dusk shall steal the beauty from your eyes.

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AN OLD PRINT SHOWING THE TIMBER-WALLS IN THE BISHOP'S PALACE, HEREFORD

See letter: *Norman Timber Survivals*

the protection of hill-slopes from erosion. Moreover, I repeat that it destroys the character and so the beauty of our particular countryside.—H. J. MASSINGHAM, Reddings, Long Cramond, Buckinghamshire.

IN A NUTSHELL

SIR.—Dr. Philip Gosse's wooden figure illustrated in COUNTRY LIFE of April 14 appears to be a snuff-box fashioned from a coquilla nut, imported from South America. Mr. Edward H. Pinto has recently dealt with such grotesque figures in his book *Treen*, and illustrates about a dozen of them. He sums up: "These amusing figures are believed to be late eighteenth and early nineteenth century, German."

The accompanying photograph illustrates three examples from my own collection. The gentleman with the peaked cap seems to be akin to a village beadle; he was obtained in Woolwich. The central figure was sold to me in Bradford, Yorkshire, as a Chinese snuff-box. He has a horse-like appearance and may be intended for an ostler. The third example, bought in Leeds, is a clergyman, wearing band and skull-cap.

My own observations on such figures lead me to suppose that most of them represent town or village characters. Dr. Gosse's cantankerous man is obviously one of them. The kind of frock-coat worn by members of this group would seem to make them date definitely to the 19th century.—L. R. A. GROVE, St. Faith's Street, Maidstone, Kent.

NORMAN TIMBER SURVIVALS

SIR.—One of the most important examples of Norman timber, about which you have published several letters recently, is the late 12th-century work still surviving in the Bishop's Palace at Hereford. I enclose a copy of an old print showing this in its supposed original form. To-day floors have been inserted, but in the roof can still be seen some of the timbers, notably one or two of the capitals, and some traces of colouring. Probably the other two arches remain, hidden by later work. A portion of a wooden arch of presumably the same date is now preserved under the gateway leading to the palace.—M. W. H. H. FORD.

SIR.—The north door at Hadstock Church, in Essex, which is of oak, with three iron straps riveted

through, is said to be Saxon, in which case one would imagine it to be almost the oldest surviving door in the country.

Some fragments of the skin of a Dane, killed for sacrifice and nailed to the door, have been discovered under the iron straps of the door, and these gruesome relics are now to be seen in the museum at Saffron Walden.—GERALD E. BUNCOMBE, Springfield, Ashdon, Saffron Walden, Essex.

A THATCHED CHURCH

SIR.—From time to time the correspondence columns in COUNTRY LIFE mention thatched churches outside the familiar thatched-roof area of Norfolk and Suffolk. Possibly the small Catholic church, of which I enclose a photograph, in the beautiful North Oxfordshire village of Wroxton may be of interest to your readers.—WESTCOUNTRYMAN, Minehead, Somerset.

COMMUNAL FEEDING

SIR.—Apropos of your correspondence about pied woodpeckers feeding with tits, these birds have always visited the trees in our garden, but this year a pair have joined daily the small birds who feed on the scraps put out on the lawn. Several times a day we could see these large, silent birds, with their slow movements on the ground, feeding along with tits, chaffinches, nut-hatches and hedge-sparrows. On one occasion the hen fed continuously for eight minutes despite the comings and goings of the other birds. Like most other birds, they have now left the proximity of the house.

There has been much clearance of the woods about the village, and this, together with the increasing practice of orchard spraying, may, I think, have seriously affected the natural food resources of the pied woodpecker.—HILDA S. DIMBLEBY (Mrs.), *The Laurels*, Hanley Swan, Worcester.

PHOTOGRAPHY AND THE LAW

SIR.—A reader who is a professional photographer demurs at statements in a recent article in COUNTRY LIFE in which I quoted the dictum of Horridge, J., in *Sports Ltd. v. Our Dogs* (2

K.B., L.R. 1916): "No one possesses a right of preventing another person from photographing him; any more than he has a right of preventing another from giving a description of him (provided that the description is not libellous or otherwise wrongful)." The article gave, as a wholly imaginary instance, the enterprise of a photographer snapping the Prime Minister in the throes of sea-sickness and selling the photograph to the purveyors of a cure for the sea-sickness. It was suggested that, in the very unlikely event of the Prime Minister's taking action against the purveyors for their impertinence in using the picture to push sales, his action would fail.

The correspondent quotes a case that is superficially similar to my instance. A photographer snapped in a London street a policeman looking tired after his turn of duty. Sellers of bath salts used the picture, adding to it—"for Sore Feet." In the ensuing libel case the policeman obtained damages.



THATCHED CHURCH AT WROXTON, OXFORDSHIRE

See letter: *A Thatched Church*

This could not happen if the Prime Minister took action. In the first place, truth is an answer in an action for libel, and, in the second place, it could hardly be maintained that the collocation of picture and advertisement constituted an innuendo that brought the Prime Minister into ridicule or contempt—the innuendo being that he was, by permitting the publication, making a monetary gain out of his misfortune.

In the bath-salts case it could be urged: (1) This particular policeman did not suffer from sore feet; the suggestion conveyed was, therefore, that of a falsehood; (2) People could, and would, assume that the policeman

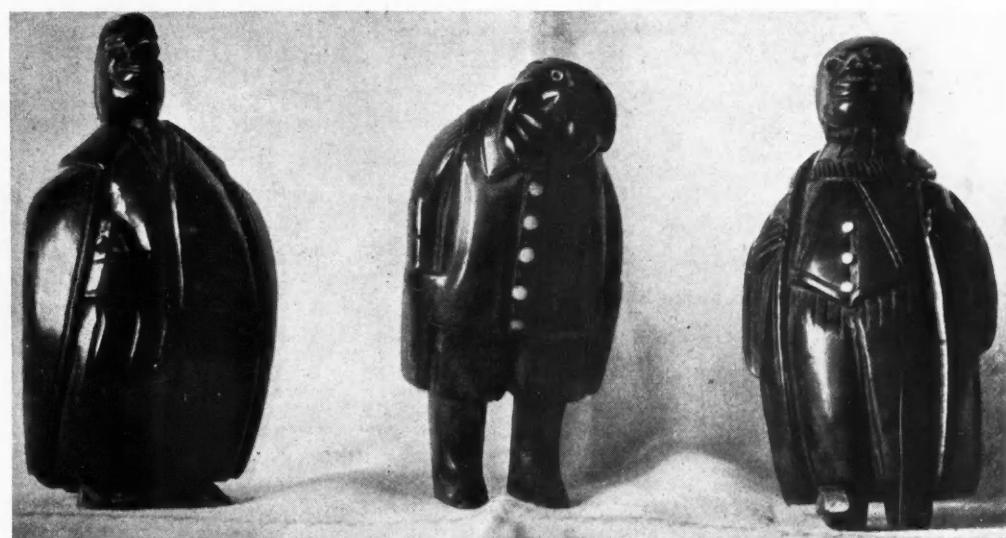
reaped a monetary reward for posing as a sufferer from what the bath-salts would banish.—W. J. WESTON.

THE BLACK-VEINED WHITE BUTTERFLY

SIR.—With reference to Mr. Hyde's remarks in his article of April 14 about the last appearance of the black-veined white butterfly in this country, I have in my collection a specimen of this insect which I took near Emsworth, Hampshire, in July, 1926. I reported the matter to the late Mr. Frohawk, who recorded it in his book on British butterflies.—F. C. STONOR, Hampshire.

LADY ELIZABETH RALEIGH

SIR.—The Dowager Lady Throckmorton informed me recently that she believed that the portrait of Bessie Throckmorton, wife of Sir Walter Raleigh, formerly at Knole, Kent, had passed into other hands. Does any of



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OLD BOYS AT DEAL ~ A Golf Commentary by BERNARD DARWIN

ONE more Halford Hewitt Cup is over, the tumult and the shouting has died, old boys of some 55 schools have departed and I, who am staying one more night in Deal or going away lazily next morning, am left alone to ruminate on all that has happened. I think, much as I dislike anything like politics, I must say something on a quasi-political question on which there is much difference of opinion. This year, for the first time, the first two days' play took place on two courses, Deal and Sandwich, the last two entirely at Deal, which is the

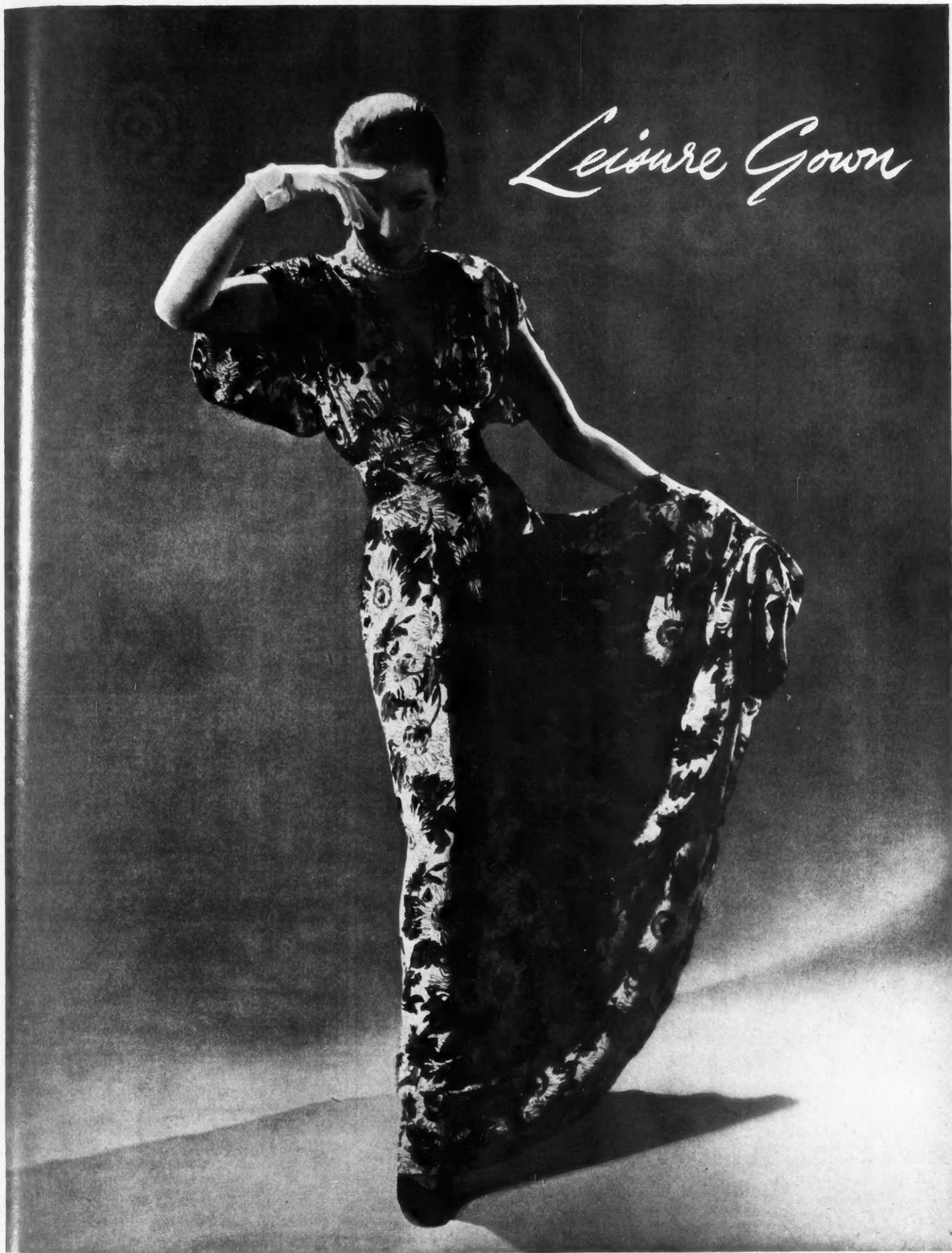
tournament's traditional home. As a result, the semi-final and final, instead of being played on Monday—always something of an anti-climax—took place, as they always did in earlier days, on the Sunday. The final was therefore what it ought to be, the consummation of the whole tournament; it was watched by a really considerable crowd; and there was none of the worry and inconvenience of unexpected semi-finalists having to unpack their bags and telegraph wildly to their homes and offices that they could not present themselves on Monday morning.

So far so good for the new plan, but there is another side which some people take up almost vehemently. Deal, they say—and this very properly—is the one and only home of the tournament; the man who plays in the first day at Sandwich and is knocked out feels as if he had not played in the Halford Hewitt Cup at all. Moreover, whereas he used to go next day to play a peaceful friendly game at Sandwich, he now finds it occupied and therefore has nowhere to play at all. Finally, he does not see various

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THE OLD RUGBEIANS, WINNERS OF THE HALFORD HEWITT CUP. Left to right—(Standing) F. D. Physick, Major A. A. Duncan, P. M. Armitage, J. E. Pitts, A. W. Clarke, G. Hurst. (Sitting) M. Swanston, C. P. Johnstone, T. E. Cunningham (non-playing captain), A. D. Cave, D. H. R. Martin.



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of his friends who were at Deal when he was at Sandwich, and seeing friends is part of the fun of the tournament. These are all more or less legitimate grievances, but what is the suggested remedy? It is that the tournament should be played wholly at Deal and begin much earlier, let us say on the Tuesday instead of Thursday. It is a lovely plan for those who can afford to devote in effect a whole week's holiday to this tournament, but I imagine there are a good many who cannot. In short, I see no way out of it that will satisfy all parties and I incline to think that this year's plan is the better, but I am told by those whose judgment I respect that I am wholly wrong. There I must leave it and come to the play.

The draw, as must often happen in any match-play tournament, was rather an inequitable one, that is to say, with all respect to the teams in the top half, most of the more formidable ones were massed in the lower half; it was there that the fighting was bound to be fiercest and the slain to lie thickest. Thus, on the afternoon of the second day, Friday, came a great clash between Charterhouse, the holders, and their old enemies, Harrow. The fight was worthy of the occasion and Harrow won by the odd match in five. Harrow became in public estimation the favourites, whereupon in the very next round they went down with a resounding bump before Tonbridge, beaten by four matches to one. And that very same afternoon Tonbridge, who had beaten Harrow, who had beaten Charterhouse, were in their turn beaten by Rugby. So far it was a story rather

in the style of the house that Jack built; but there it stopped, for Rugby were not beaten by Wellington in the semi-final nor by Stowe in the final.

They were a sound good team and entirely worthy winners. They had their nearest squeak against Tonbridge, for at one time it seemed extremely likely that the score in the first four matches would be two apiece, and that with the last Tonbridge pair, the two Keiths, four up at the seventh hole all was over and Tonbridge must win. The forecast as to the first four matches proved right, but as to the last it was wildly wrong, for the heroic Armitage and Clarke, of Rugby, not only got those four holes back but two more into the bargain and out went poor Tonbridge. In fact they had a very good side indeed, one quite good enough to win the whole tournament.

The final was a good match but not so intensely dramatic as some of its predecessors, since the issue in the last two matches was decided some way from home. Nevertheless the third match was exciting enough, for Rugby, having thrown away two good chances of clinching matters, were dragged to the last hole, where only a very fine chip by Alan Cave saved their bacon. Undoubtedly the best golf of the day, and I fancy of the whole four days, was played by the second Stoic pair, Carter and Harrisson. Carter played beautifully all day and the fact of living in Hong Kong for several years seems to have improved his golf rather than otherwise; his partner backed him up admirably and holed putts quite ruthlessly.

They had six threes in 15 holes and that is fierce work. They fairly broke down their Rugby adversaries, Duncan and Hurst, who played the first nine holes excellently, but simply could not keep up the pace against all those threes, and I don't wonder. If there was a particular hero on the Rugby side I think it was C. P. Johnstone, the perfect second string to Martin and the best possible kind of glue for a foursome partnership. He is to my mind a decidedly better golfer now than when he captained the first Cambridge team after the first war, and there are few golfers for whom one could say as much.

There are so many teams who deserve mention and so little room in which to do it. Uppingham, for instance, and their victims Marlborough, and Marlborough's victims, Eton, who have at long last got a good side again, and a young one at that, which ought to do well another year; Winchester as usual were good and gave Rugby a hard run; Wellington who have a fine young recruit in Polley, reached the semi-final for the second year running; Ridley beat the formidable, but perhaps a little too care-free, Loretto; the Leysians got farther, unless I do them injustice, than ever before. Everybody enjoyed it all; the courses were good and Deal indeed miraculously so when the flooding disasters of last year are remembered: the weather was quite divine on the last day of sunshine and larks' singing. This has been the first meeting since the death of the tournament's founder and he would have liked it to be such a happy one.

FARMING THE ARCTIC

By FRANK ILLINGWORTH

IT is popularly thought that the Arctic is desolate in the extreme and totally beyond cultivation. Yet vast areas offer agricultural opportunities little less marked than those found by the pioneers who struck westwards from the east-coast settlements of America two centuries ago. In areas of the Arctic where once it was thought nothing could grow the whole range of agricultural produce common to temperate lands is being grown, and sheep and cattle graze on knee-high clover.

The earth may be free of ice to a depth of perhaps only 12 to 18 inches, but the Arctic offers advantages unknown to the farmer or smallholder in the temperate latitudes. There are no ground insect pests, no crop diseases. The soil is not exhausted: it is in some areas as rich as that of Russia's black-loam country. A trader who pushed a packet of tomato seeds into the earth at Fort Simpson in the sub-Arctic of Canada gathered two bucketfuls of tomatoes big enough to satisfy the most



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ambitious smallholder in the United Kingdom. Beyond the Polar Circle there is continuous daylight during the three or four summer months and the heat may reach 100° F. in the shade, with the result that two or three crops of hay and some other types of farm produce can be brought to maturity, whereas the farmer of southern latitudes can raise only one or two. For example, not infrequently Arctic Sweden provides more hay than the rest of the country.

The months-long summer sun encourages abnormal growth. The average weight of a field of cabbages which I saw growing 200 miles north of the Polar Circle was 9 lb., with some exceeding 25 lb.; the circumference of the larger cabbages was such that it was not possible to get one's arms round them, from which one can imagine the size of the 40 lb. cabbage grown from a seed during the short Alaskan summer.

With the aid of a sheltered valley and the summer sun, Soviet farmers have grown lemons in the sub-Arctic of the U.S.S.R.; and last year I saw black grapes hanging from a large vine in Kiruna, 100 miles north of the Polar Circle in Arctic Sweden. In an allotment on the

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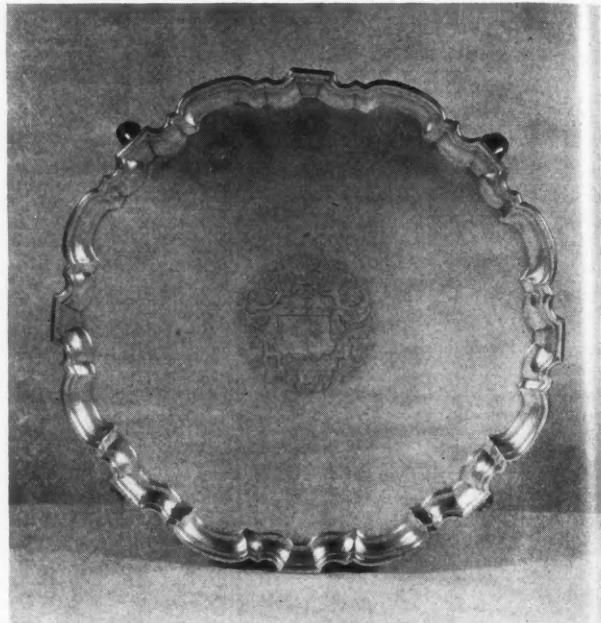


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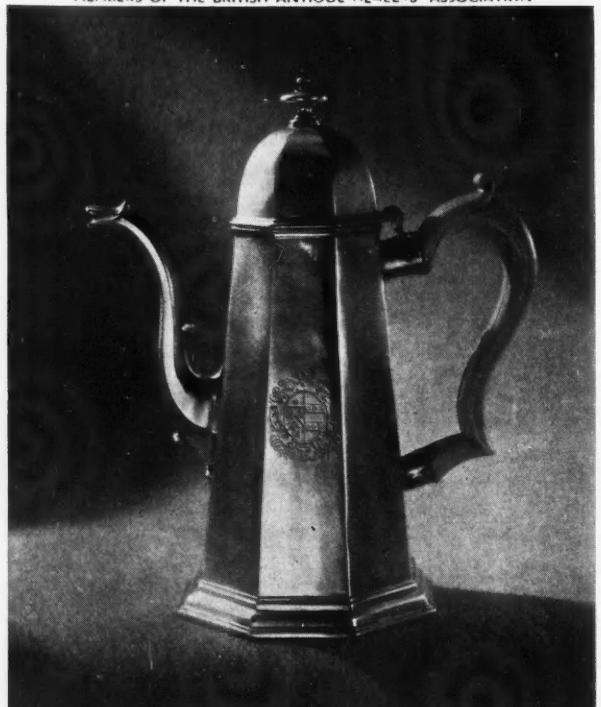


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The vegetables served in the log-built hotel in Aklavik, in the extreme north of Canada, are grown from seeds in the hotel's own allotment. In 1937 the Dominion Government published a booklet on Canada's Northland, recording that potatoes at Aklavik grow to the size of chicken's eggs, although the ground is frozen from a depth of six inches: it also recorded that cabbages were raised at Coppermine, on the very shores of the Polar Ocean. On one small farm in the McKenzie District of Canada's North-West Territories, clover grows to a height of four feet; barley and oats stand at thirty inches by mid-July, and may be cut before mid-August. Timothy-grass seeds in mid-May; potatoes average 350 bushels to the acre, with a maximum of nearer 400 bushels.

The first farmers in the Arctic were the missionaries who struck up the main waterways leading into unexplored territories. The only means of providing their requirements in vegetables was to include a few packets of seed in their equipment: in some cases the hardest manual labour was necessary to make even a small allotment, because large areas of the North were virtually devoid of soil. There were no canned foods in those days, and in any case it was not possible to import food in any quantity, for the only means of transport was by canoe or yorkboat or on the backs of sweating men, and in winter by dog-team. The arrival of the first river steamers in the extreme north of the Arctic altered all this. It made the importing of food possible, and instead of growing what they needed, the pioneers turned to easier methods of filling their larders.

To-day, aircraft and tractor-train support the river steamers in providing everything that a community wants, from sticks of celery to sides of beef raised in the agricultural lands perhaps 2,000 miles to the south. But the pioneer is also conscious that the population of Arctic areas now under colonisation can increase annually only in proportion to local agriculture, and there are many examples to prove that agriculture and market gardening are possible



THE EXTREME NORTH-EAST OF ICELAND, 800 MILES FROM THE NORTH POLE, IN SPRING. In July, when the snow has disappeared, this coastline is brilliant with flowers

in the north at least on a scale sufficient to support local permanent populations. For example, a settler in Norman Wells, in the North-West Territories, has raised 23 kinds of vegetables and cereals on the tilled land adjoining his home, some of it for silage and cattle-fodder.

Go to Aklavik, 100 miles north of the Polar Circle, and you will find that Dr. L. D. Livingstone, local government medical officer, has a highly successful stock farm. He imported a cow from Edmonton in 1938, and a bull the following year, and by 1941 his herd had reached double figures. Cattle wandered through knee-high grass in the neighbourhood of Fort Simpson as long ago as 1851, but Aklavik is farther north, and no doubt Livingstone considered whether cattle raised in temperate lands would survive the cold of the far northern winter, and also whether he would succeed in growing sufficient fodder to last the animals throughout the dark months. He soon discovered that cattle

housed in a well-built byre would survive the dark months apparently without any discomfort, and he also found that the short and brilliant Arctic summer provided sufficient hay to support a herd throughout the winter. In winter he puts milk out in shallow pans to freeze for storing, or transport to outlying cabins by "milk-sledge"; and in summer the lowing of cattle and the cluck of poultry mingle with the roar of a tractor ploughing some 60 acres of newly transformed agricultural land.

Unfortunately, the milk supply is inclined to drop steeply when the sun disappears. One of the Norwegian nurses at the hospital at Longyear (the most northerly settlement in the world, 800 miles from the North Pole) told me that by the end of the winter the seven cows in the byre across the valley produced only a trickle of milk. "Often there isn't anything like enough for the children's minimum requirements," she said, "and they have to have tinned and dried milk."

The Russians have partly solved the problem of the sun's disappearance so far as milk production is concerned by installing on their experimental farms ultra-violet light plant, powered by windmills driven by the almost constant wind of the Polar winter. Some twenty State farms in the Soviet Arctic are said to have herds exceeding 100 head of cattle and pigs bred from stock bought in Yorkshire. More than 200 calves have been born in the byres at the Nordiske Experimental Farm on the 70th parallel.

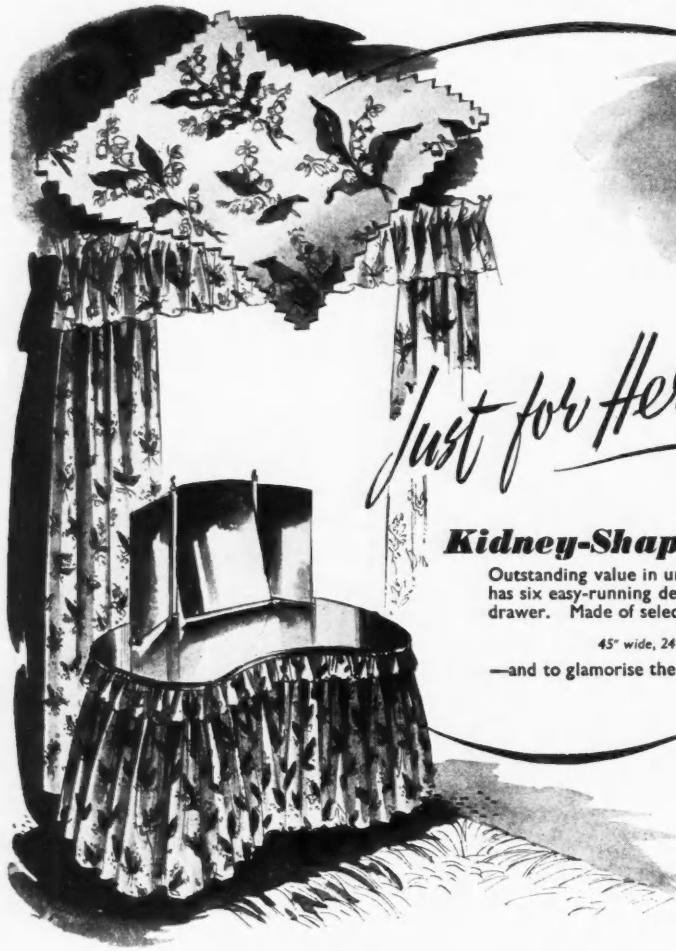
Both the Russians and the Americans are busy breeding cattle suitable to conditions in the Arctic. One such American project is cross-breeding Tibetan yak with Galloway cattle. The first generation raised on an experimental farm in Alaska showed good form and proved to be good milkers, but the males were sterile, as in the previous bison-cattle "cross." That there is the grazing in Alaska to raise cattle on a large scale is recognised. Indeed, a survey taken shortly after the war indicated that seven thousand square miles of territory in the interior of Alaska was suitable for cattle raising, and its four-and-a-half million acres of grass land could provide summer feed for 100,000 head; in addition, there are more than seven million acres of land suitable for growing crops.

Agriculture in Alaska dates from the Gold Rush days of 1898, since when seven experimental stations have been opened, the first of them at the turn of the century, when it was evident that many of the men who headed across the mountains and tundras and sailed

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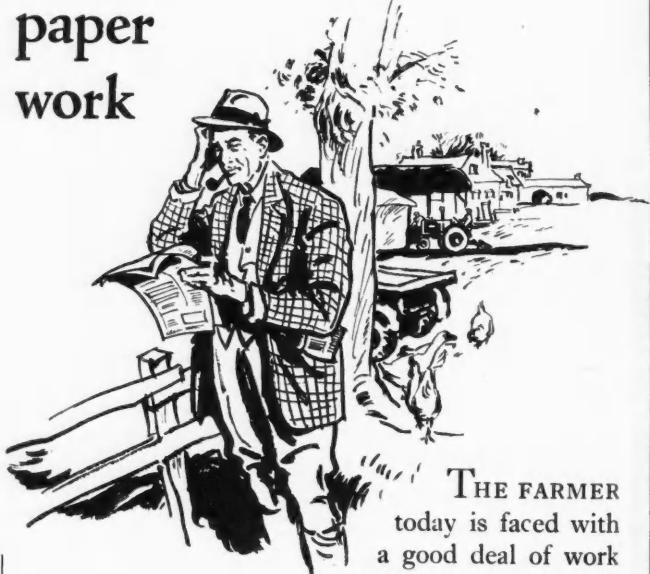
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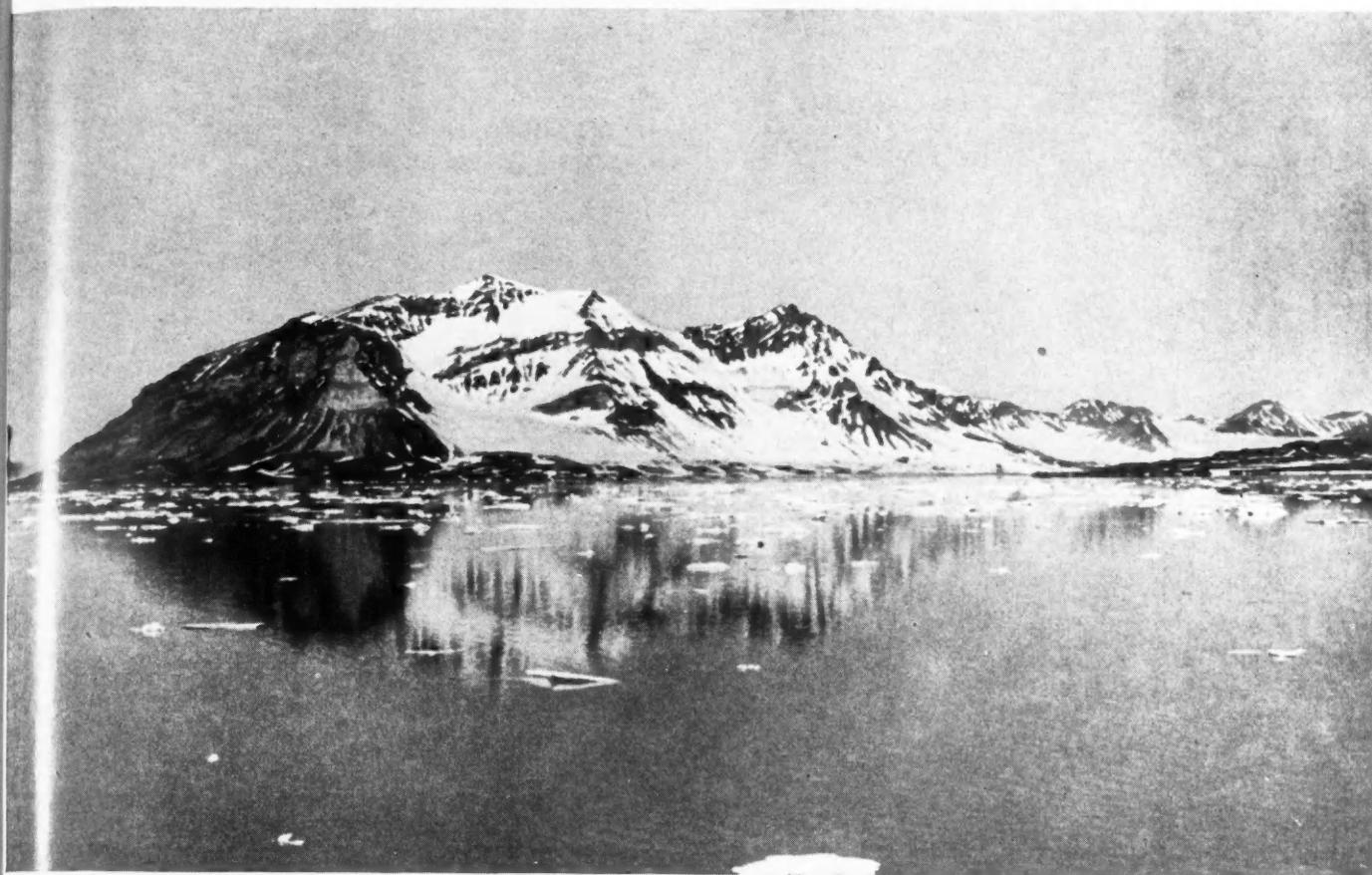


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northwards up the mighty Yukon to the new goldfields of the North were going to settle in the neighbourhood of the new gold strikes. Two of these experimental stations are still in operation: they are in the Matuska Valley, and in the Tanana Valley, a few miles from Anchorage, where there has not been one crop failure through climatic causes for forty-six years. Here agricultural scientists are experimenting with hardy grasses and grain, the seed of which came from other northern areas, including the most northerly reaches of Siberia; they are also experimenting with trial packages of vegetable seed, with many varieties of bush-fruit, cereals from the Steppes of Siberia, wild potatoes from the high peaks of the Andes, wild strawberries from the mountains of British Columbia, alfalfa from Siberia. Because American clovers were not sufficiently hardy to survive sub-Arctic winters, a red clover was imported from Siberia.

The new strains of vegetables and cereals raised in these areas are now being grown on a fairly wide scale in several parts of Alaska. Fields of yellow-flowered alfalfa add a splash of colour to regions which were once thought

beyond cultivation. Areas which twenty years ago were a wilderness of stunted trees and lichen-clad boulders are now yielding potatoes at between ten and twenty tons per acre. New strains of wheat, barley, oats and winter rye are being grown successfully. A photograph in *Arctic*, published by the Arctic Institute of North America, shows tomatoes the size of a man's fist growing in the open in the Yukon Valley, seventy miles north of the Arctic Circle. There are extensive areas on the Arctic Circle or beyond it where cauliflowers, carrots, potatoes, cabbages and other vegetables are grown every year, and also hay and corn. For example, barley and oats are raised at Fort Yukon, Wiseman and Shugnak.

It might be thought that the heat of the sun would be insufficient for soft fruits to ripen in the Arctic. Yet I have seen raspberries and strawberries, gooseberries and currants, growing one hundred and more miles north of the Polar Circle. I have seen in the wilderness of the Arctic an allotment producing the soft fruits associated with market gardening in England. Blueberries, cranberries and strawberries grow abundantly in the Arctic, and their tart taste adds immeasurably to the fare of Eskimo and Lapp, and to that of the prospector, surveyor or explorer.

The Russians were quick to appreciate that the industrial development of their Polar acres would depend on local-grown produce, and from the beginning the Russian aim has been for the new northern communities to be self-supporting. In their endeavour to attain complete self-sufficiency for their new Polar colonies, Soviet agriculturists went so far as to produce a tea-bush able to withstand twenty-eight degrees of frost, and a new species of frost-resisting cotton shrub.

To attain the required self-sufficiency, an expedition was despatched to the Andes to discover a species of frost-resistant wild potato which could be crossed with cultivated species to produce a large tuber capable of withstanding thirty degrees of frost; others were sent up the rivers of Siberia that emptied into the Polar Ocean, and along the Arctic shores of the U.S.S.R. As in Canada and Alaska, experimental stations were established at key points

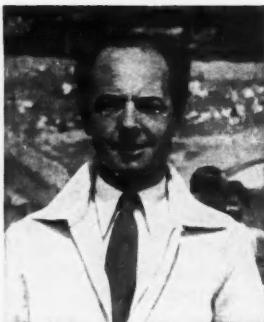
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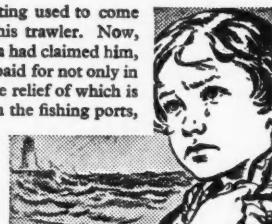
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TYPICAL REINDEER-HERDING TERRITORY IN ARCTIC ALASKA

in Arctic Russia. That at Kirovsk included three thousand acres, and the agricultural experiments carried out there have made the growing industrial population of Murmansk almost self-supporting, so the Russians say.

Fruit trees on the Norisk Experimental Farm (on the 70th Parallel, in a region subjected to intense winter cold) bear fairly heavy crops; potatoes, cabbages, onions, carrots and sugar-beet are grown out of doors, and tomatoes and cucumbers are raised in hothouses. In 1942 an experimental sowing of melons yielded an encouraging result, as did sixty acres of oats for cattle fodder.

By 1936 the experimental station at Igarka, in one of the most desolate parts of Arctic Siberia, was growing potatoes, cabbages and radishes in the open, and cucumbers, tomatoes, peas and tobacco in hothouses. Hothouses were built as far north as Dixon Island, Novaya Zemlaya and Frans Josef Land, all of which are locked in pack ice for the greater part of each year.

There is no doubt that the men and women at the research stations built in the Russian north face greater problems than those at the Matuska Valley, the Tanana Valley, and in Canada, for the U.S.S.R. extends considerably farther north than the American north. Not only was it necessary to produce new varieties of cereals, fruits and vegetables suitable for the bitter wastes of northern Siberia, but new methods of growing had to be devised. For example, in the sub-Arctic, frost kills autumn-sown wheat, and the short summer does not give spring-sown wheat time to mature fully. This problem was solved shortly before the last war by Professor Lyssenko. He hit on the simple idea of storing dried wheat in a granary, wetting it in a few hours. This caused the seed to germinate, and when planted in March or April it has a flying start. Lyssenko suggested that by this process, known as vernalisation, it would be possible to

grow wheat hundreds of miles farther north than before. Experimental plantings are being made with oats and other cereals, and the Russians are developing new types of wheat suitable for planting in the Polar regions. Hothouses on Dixon Island off the north Siberian shore provide the local community with sun-basked vegetables. The first of these hothouses was built above ground. It proved next to useless, for ninety per cent. of the heat was lost in winter. The Russians sought to defeat the bitter winds by sinking their hothouses into the frozen ground, but again they were unsuccessful: the heat melted the sub-soil, causing collapse. Ultimately, after many experiments, the problem was solved by building an experimental hothouse below ground and insulating its walls from the surrounding earth and its roof against the biting winds of Polar winters. This experiment proved a success, and subsequent hothouses were fitted with windmills for the provision of electricity for heating and the ultra-violet light necessary to grow fruit and vegetables even during the darkness of the Polar winter.

As the present "move north" gains momentum, as it will, more and yet more Arctic acres will be brought under the plough, and the lowing of cattle will be heard to the southern fringes of the tundras where the Polar musk-oxen roam.



A FIELD OF CABBAGES ON THE MATUSKA VALLEY FARM IN ALASKA

THE FRENCH SCHOOL OF 1830 RECONSIDERED

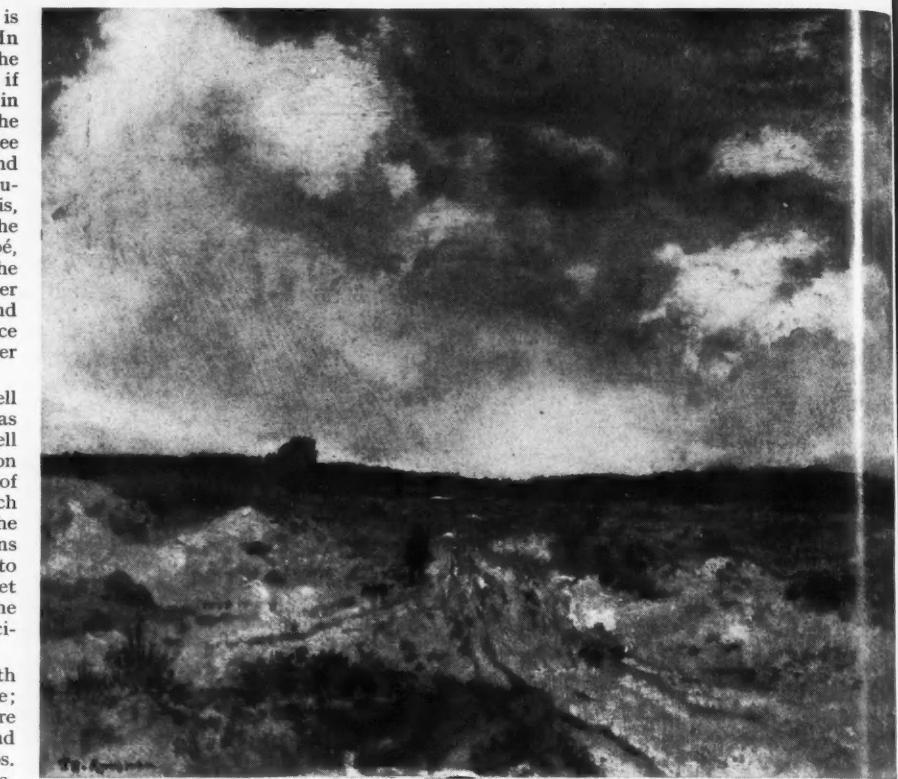
By DENYS SUTTON

ONE of the delights of a critic's profession is that he is never allowed to rest on his oars. In each generation he is forced to re-examine the artists and movements of the past and demand if the accepted assessment of them is correct and, in the case of those who have fallen from favour, if the neglect is justified. To-day, for instance, we can see the 19th century in more exact perspective and observe that it poses numerous problems of revaluation, which in turn suggests changes in emphasis, and even appreciation. In our own country the diligent researches of such specialists as Mr. Oppé, on the water-colourists, or Mr. Grigson, on the romantic painters, enable certain artists—a Palmer or a Danby—to be seen at their true value; and thus the course of English art and the permanence of certain traditions can be plotted with greater sureness.

This same work of revaluation can equally well be attempted with Continental art, and such men as Caspar David Friedrich or even Böcklin would well repay further examination. The recent exhibition at the Wildenstein Gallery, which was held in aid of the Hertford British Hospital in Paris, was just such an essay in revaluation. Its aim was to present the French school of painting of 1830 by means of loans from collections in France and this country, and to reintroduce such painters as Daubigny, Diaz, Millet and Rousseau, who enjoyed high favour in the 1900's but have since passed from current appreciation.

The painters of 1830 are not easy to define with any exactness; their position was a transitional one; they had elements both of the past and of the future in their styles. They were extremely individual and neither sought publicity nor issued manifestos. Solitary rather than gregarious, simple and unsophisticated, their failure to secure immediate acceptance at the Salons reinforced their desire for solitude. They retired to the forests and fields in face of this lack of understanding and to escape the materialism of the age. What did link them were ties of friendship, their common poverty and their mutual worship of Nature. It is this love of Nature, this desire to work in the open, that relates such different personalities as the happy and easy-going Corot and the more misanthropic Rousseau. Their work became a series of variations on the theme of Nature, seen in the light of their respective characters. They sought consolation through the exact and realistic descriptions of the forest or the rivers and coasts of France.

In his early paintings, executed in Italy, Corot had filled his canvases with light, soft and strong, and Chintreul or Lépine were to follow in this direction. Imbued with the classical tradition, he sought in time to create an ideal landscape peopled with shepherds and clothed in a poetic envelope. In this Corot was very much



THE HEATH, BY THÉODORE ROUSSEAU

himself. But the school as a whole did not attempt to surprise Nature at its most brilliant and sunny. The luxuriant vegetation of the Midi which radiates the canvases of Renoir is absent from their conception. They preferred to render a melancholy note in Nature, which indicated a romantic and subjective heritage. It was not that they sought to falsify or heighten their compositions, but that a windswept common or a lonely beach with the sea breaking naturally attracted them. Yet such scenes were also a challenge to their science, and, as in Daubigny's tender seascape in the Lyons Museum, they also sought the rightness of tone.

An anonymous English critic reviewing in *The Art Journal* the Salon of 1867, which contained many examples of the landscape painting of the school, pointed out that "they often by way of a beginning, roll a black storm across the sky, bring a dark shadow over the foreground and so at last the whole work gives solution to the problem of how to make darkness visible." It was a just observation. In this love for the dark effects of sky and landscape, the men of 1830 indicated something of their debt to 17th-century Dutch painting, which was more heavily underlined in the work of Georges Michel. In continuing the Dutch tradition, they indicated their adherence to a concept of Nature in which man himself was rarely present and in which he could be considered as an accessory rather than as a central character. Their view of Nature

was essentially pantheistic, and in their painting the rocks and trees are infused with energy. In this realistic depiction of Nature, Théodore Rousseau, for one, managed to convey the force of his own personality. It was characteristic of Rousseau that in his effective *The Heath* a small squat figure and his dog should stand isolated in Nature. Here the painter has used the broad sweep of trees on the horizon and the vast lowering sky to suggest unlimited space. The composition serves to reinforce his view that Nature can dominate man; it is an answer to the claims of the city, and reflects a pantheism which recalls that of his contemporary, Turner.

As a whole the Barbizon painters did not rejoice in life; it had treated them too harshly. Yet it was their sense of isolation that enabled them to feel the solace of Nature all the more strongly and, in the case of Millet, to depict the strength of the peasant. In his attitude to painting Millet may have had too much of the moralist about him, and George Moore called him a sort of 19th-century Greuze. But he felt that "suffering more than anything else enables the artist to be at his most expressive." His painting, with its constant appraisal of life on the farm, was more than moralistic; it could be monumental. In his finest paintings, such as *The Faggot Carriers* with its fine simplified design, and in his firm drawings, he suggested the relationship that bound man to the earth, and rendered the virility of Nature and its seasonal quality. He is an artist who deserves to be studied afresh, and not least for his influence on Seurat, van Gogh and Sickert.

In much of their work the painters of the school of 1830 were apt to be dull and turbid. The predominant colours were dark and as such contrary to that delight in lightness and atmosphere to which our eyes have been accustomed since the Impressionists. They were certainly overrated in the 1900's. Yet they could catch a mood, give the structure of form, in a way which anticipated Cézanne and suggest the gentleness as well as the force of Nature. As we see them to-day, almost a century after their period of activity, their own qualities and their historical importance give them an assured place in French painting.



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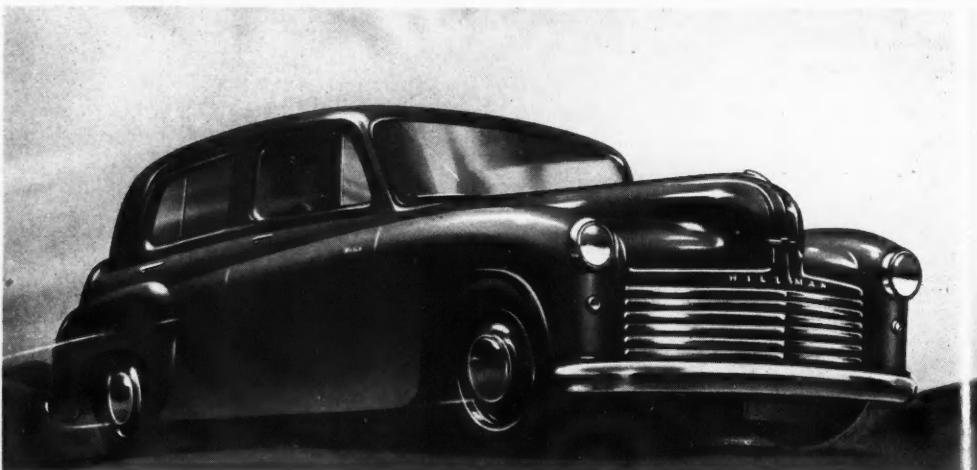
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THE NEW CHAMBERS'S EXPLORER

By BERNARD DARWIN

T is a truth that is or ought to be universally acknowledged that for really contented browsing there is nothing like books of reference. They are the books that cannot be laid down. This is a compliment often and wrongly paid to a thriller, but at any rate for those of a browsing turn of mind it is far easier to put aside the most bloodcurdling thriller than a dictionary or even a railway time-table. The reader of a book of reference is like the watcher of a cricket match. The one is always resolved to see just one more over lest something epoch-making should occur, and similarly the reader cannot refrain from turning hopefully just one more page. And if this be true, as I am convincing it is, of a single volume, how much more true is it of so monumental a work as the new edition of *Chambers's Encyclopædia* (George Newnes £42 10s.) into which I have been happily slipping and diving? I have felt not merely like a man playing on a pair of kettledrums, who turns from one to the other, but as one playing in a whole orchestra of drums. The floor of my room is ankle-deep in scattered volumes. Never was such browsing on such noble pastures. Never surely was so much information to be laid in so concentrated and so portable a form.

I am, I confess, an idle and unrepentant browser, and it is as such that I have enjoyed reading here and there among these volumes, as fancy prompted me. I may even in a moment or two try to describe by way of illustration one of these desultory voyages of exploration. But before I do so, I must very sincerely and respectfully make my compliments to the Editor and the great army she has commanded on the mass of erudition to be found in the book. It is never too heavy and it has been marvellously compressed into a small space, but it is most genuine learning for all that. Many of the subjects must be altogether outside any one person's range; the only way he can judge of the book is to take some of the subjects of which he imagines he has some slight knowledge.

So, by way of example, I first turned to the volume labelled *Con-Edu* (these encyclo-
edia titles have a fascination of their own) to read the article on Dickens, which is by Professor Butt, Professor of English in Durham University. I stood amazed at how much could be got into so little. Here are only a little more than three columns, and yet without seeming ever to be cramped or to lack space the writer has told us something of each of the books, as described Dickens's methods and how they changed as the years went on, his strengths and his weaknesses.

I enjoyed this article particularly because I respectfully agreed with the writer's views, and that is always disarming. He seems to me admirable about Dickens's rather paltry mysteries. "In Bleak House the delays in chancery are more important than Lady Dedlock's mystery; in *Little Dorrit* and *Great Expectations* the interest lies in the effect of coming into money rather than Mrs. Clemm's secret and Pip's mysterious benefactor." In those few words Professor Butt has "said a mouthful." I must not ride off on a hobby-horse of my own, but this article does seem to me such an excellent example of skilful concentration. Perhaps I may add that there is nothing about Dickens's unhappy married life nor about Miss Ellen Ternan, and that having had more than enough of the subject I was greatly relieved at their absence.

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Having done Dickens, I thought it incumbent on me to tackle golf; and here I had no need to look at the index to discover the identity of the writer. G.C.C. could only be my old friend Sir Guy Campbell; and here again I admitted the getting of an interesting quart into a pint pot. Moreover, he told me something I had completely forgotten in the game's political history.

as to an important meeting at York from which sprang the Joint Advisory Committee and the good understanding between the Union and the Royal and Ancient Club. I quote it because it was just the thing that ought to have been put in and I am sure I should have forgotten to put it in myself.

Besides golf and Dickens I have a weakness for murders, and here I am bound to say I was just a little disappointed. Crippen is there and he doubtless deserves to be, for although rather a poor little thing, he was the first murderer to be caught by means of wireless telegraphy and that is a legitimate claim to fame; but if there is room for Crippen then there ought to have been some for an infinitely greater man—William Palmer, of Rugeley; and I am just a little sad too about William Corder, of the Red Barn. Still, I know that one cannot have everything, and these gentlemen constitute an amiable weakness of mine.

And now I will try to describe a typical bit of browsing merely as a sample. The reader will very likely choose quite other meadows than mine, but may yet enjoy the same kind of pleasure. I was constantly baulked in my resolve to study one subject by some other interest supervening before I could ever reach the right page; and that, unless I am much mistaken, is what will happen to him. I cannot now remember how or why I embarked on Volume III (Camouflage to Confession of Faith), but so it was and by pure chance the book opened on China. And here I must confess to an access of frivolity for which lovers of Pickwick will forgive and may even applaud me. They will remember the description given by Mr. Pott of the *Eatanswill Gazette* of how his critic reviewed a book on Chinese Metaphysics. He read (in the Encyclopædia) "for metaphysics under the letter M and for China under the letter C and combined his information." The thought came to me that perhaps to-day so complex a course would be unnecessary, and, eagerly turning over the pages, I came—well, not upon Chinese Metaphysics but Chinese Philosophy, which I take to be much the same thing. What is more, I read about Yang Chu and the Taoists and at least know more about them than I ever did before.

Having drunk sufficiently deep at the wells of Chinese learning, I turned lazily backwards and came on a sudden across Cheriton, of which I had never heard; and, indeed, a number of small and humble places of which few have ever heard before are immortalised in the book. Cheriton, it appears, is a village in Hampshire, about six miles from Winchester. "In this neighbourhood the battle of Cheriton was fought between the Royalists under Lord Firth and the Parliamentarians under Sir William Waller." And then follow these remarkable words "See Civil War." This seemed almost a direct piece of guidance from the hands of Providence. I did see Civil War accordingly and was engaged up to the eyes with Prince Rupert and Cromwell and Fairfax. There are some subjects on which one is tempted to believe oneself ordinarily well informed, for the insufficient reason that one "did" them at school. I had an impression that I had some knowledge of this war, general

AYALON

*In Avalon the moorland streams
Glide slowly through a realm of dreams;
Green hilly islets crowned with trees
Rise from lush fields that once were seas.
The sleepy air is stirred by bells
As Glastonbury answers Wells,
While Wedmore's lovely far-flung peal
Picks up the single chime of Theale.
From some wind-silvered barley field
Still comes the glint of Lancelot's shield :
Through that remote enchanted spot
The road yet runs to Camelot.*

KATHLEEN LEE

I admit, rather than particular. All too soon I became convinced that beyond the names of Worcester, Naseby, and Marston Moor, I knew nothing whatever about it. Here, perhaps, with the best will in the world, the painter has had to crowd his limited canvas with rather too many figures, and yet I found the picture thrilling; and nobody will ever again be able to stump me over the battle of Cheriton.

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Next, having tried my luck with Carpenter and lighted to my disappointment not on a distinguished boxer (where, for that matter, is Tom Cribb?) but on a Unitarian theologian, I stumbled on Cinema. In less than no time I had plunged into *The Cinema as an Art*. Here were all manner of old and once-famous names—Charlie Chaplin, of course, and Marie Dressler, Mary Pickford, and Rudolph Valentino. It was not merely a sentimental affection for old times and old names that held me, but the article was in itself admirable. "Who is this fellow, E.D.P.?" I said. "He writes uncommonly well." I must needs turn to the list of initials at the beginning to find that E.D.P. was not a "fellow" at all, but Miss Dilys Powell. I think I might have guessed but for that deceitful E, but at any rate I had been quite justified about the good writing. There follow various articles by other hands on other more technical aspects of the cinema, and a number of photographs, including two entirely up-to-date, one of Prince Charles surveying Culloden and the other "shooting a studio scene for *Oliver Twist*."

These pictures are interesting practically, but the reader who wants romantic ones in this volume should turn farther on to the heading, *Coaches and Coaching*. Here are two as to which I cannot make up my mind which I like best. One is called "Stage-coach with its rival in sight." The title is prosaic enough, but what poetry in the four cantering horses, the coachman cracking his whip and the outside passengers waving their hats in defiant greeting to the rival coach dimly visible in the distance! The second picture shows the Devonport mail adorned with the Royal cipher of William IV, making its way through a snowy landscape near Amesbury, in Wiltshire. Here are six horses and two postillions urging them on most gallantly, all the outside passengers are covered with snow, and the two inside have actually let down the window and are looking anxiously out at the heaps of snow on either side of the road. It is a picture to recall some of Dickens's wintry coach drives, that of Nicholas Nickleby with Mr. Squeers to Greta Bridge or that other one that led to the Holly Tree Inn. Coaching is indeed one of the subjects as to which the reader must a little regret the injunction necessarily laid on contributors to encyclopaedias, "No flowers by request." It has a literature so full of romance if only it could be quoted.

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There is ever so much more that could be said about the illustrations, which are numerous and excellent. For instance, in this very volume through which I have been wandering I have just come by lucky chance on one I had not seen before. This one is in colour. The title to the article is *Cézanne* and the picture is a landscape in Haute Savoie, *Le Lac d'Annecy*. I lighted on this when looking for another plate charming in quite a different way, namely, a Persian "animal" carpet of a lovely subdued rose colour. In other volumes are Turner's *Queen Mab's Cave* and, under the head of water colour painting, his *Burning of the Houses of Parliament*.

And so I might go on almost for ever for this is really a delightful picture-book but, as I said, I like it best for browsing. It is all I can do to keep so many fascinating facts to myself. I feel as if I went on reading much longer I should be the death of my friends with general information.



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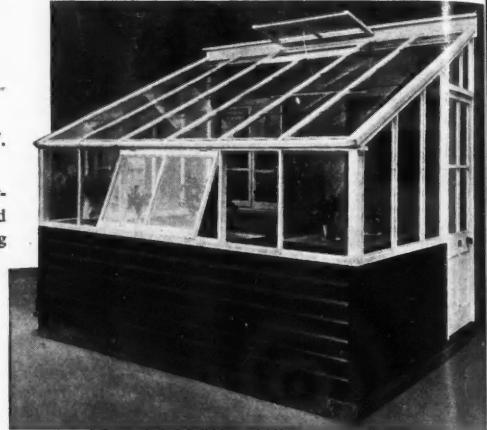
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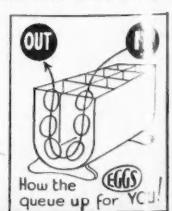
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Pig Marketing

WE still have a Pigs Marketing Board, although it is not allowed to function. In the report just issued to registered pig producers, the Board states that the membership has been revived so as to give representation of each district. Mr. S. H. Eva, one of the stalwarts of the Board for many years, is the chairman. He comes from Cornwall. The Board says that it intends as soon as possible to proceed with a new set of long-term proposals for the marketing of pigs, but it has not been able to make any progress, because of the absence of definite Government policy in relation to livestock marketing. This is an unsatisfactory position. We have had the Lucas Committee's report, whose recommendations were cordially disliked by the farming community and found little favour with politicians. If the Lucas Committee's proposals for State commodity commissions are rejected, as they should be, cannot the Ministry of Agriculture and the Ministry of Food agree on a line of Government policy that will enable the producers' marketing boards to get ahead? The Pigs Marketing Board has £38,000 of our money, most of it invested in Government stock. This will provide a basis for revival.

Cherry Imports

TO prevent the introduction of cherry fruit fly, the Secretary of State for Scotland has made an Order prohibiting the importation of raw cherries from Spain into Scotland from May 19 until September 30. Cherries grown in Italy, Austria, Bulgaria, Hungary, Switzerland, and Portugal will be admitted up to specified dates, and cherries from France and Germany during the whole period, provided that each consignment is certified as prescribed in the Order. Why Scotland should need a special order I do not understand. Would not one rule for the whole of the United Kingdom suffice? Presumably we have similar restrictions to prevent the introduction of the cherry fruit fly into England and Wales. And I am sure that Northern Ireland, always active to safeguard the interests of her food producers, is taking action.

Big Money

MUCH is heard to-day about the need for providing farm-workers with really good houses, and there is no question that this is most

important. If a man's wife and his family are not happy in their home, he will not be content in his job. But there are some young farm-workers ambitious to get on who will to-day leave a steady job with a good house in order to take a job where there is a prospect of earning big money in overtime. To the young couple who as yet have no family and little furniture, the steady minimum wage of £4 14s. a week, with a good house charged at 6s. a week, may not be so attractive as the opportunity to work on another farm where labour is perennially short and the few men employed can always earn overtime. This, at 3s. an hour over the week-end, soon mounts up to a £6 wage, and even if the cottage charged at 3s. a week is indifferent and lacks amenities, the young man and his wife may consider that this hard-going is worth while. Big money can also be earned on milk production on some farms to-day. I heard of an exceptional case last week in which, owing to the absence of his mate, a cowman was putting in such long hours that his weekly wage packet rose to over £9. He was earning overtime at the ordinary rates—2s. 6d. an hour on week-days and 3s. an hour at the week-end—together with a bonus on output. No doubt the National Union of Agricultural Workers does not care to countenance men working so hard to earn so much, but it is refreshing in these days of minimum wages and statutory working weeks to find that there are men who will go all out to earn as much as they can.

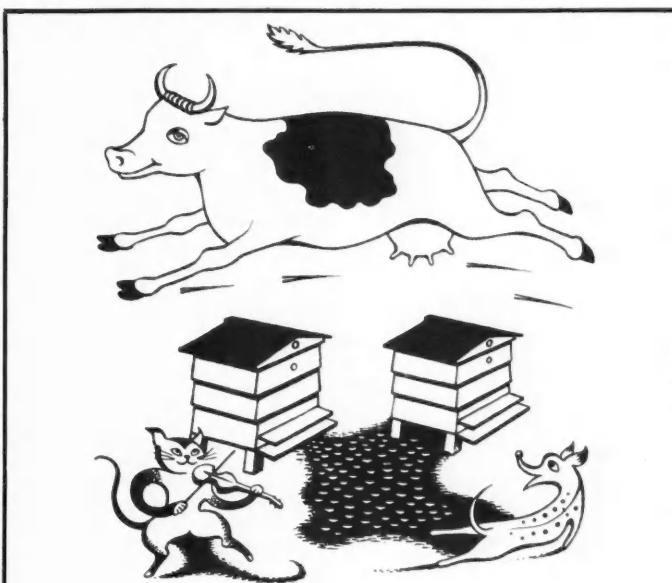
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Malting Barley

LAST year the Brewers' Society, together with the maltsters and corn merchants, agreed with the N.F.U. that not less than 10s. a quarter above the minimum price for feeding barley should be paid for malting barley. This agreement is to continue for another year. Some of the heavy-yielding types of barley are not liked by maltsters and brewers, and, in view of the drive for increased production of cereal feeding-stuffs for livestock, and particularly of barley for pigs, there is a case for taking special steps to ensure that the production of the right type of malting barley is maintained. This year the farmer is to receive a certificate from his merchant on all sales of his barley that are destined for uses other than brewing and are not made within the agreement price. This price for the 1950 crop will be not less than 96s. a quarter. One effect of this year's Budget, which encourages the brewing of rather stronger beer, should be to revive the malting barley trade by 10 per cent. The fall in the consumption of beer during recent months threatened to restrict the malting trade. Now brewers will want more barley if they can sell more beer.

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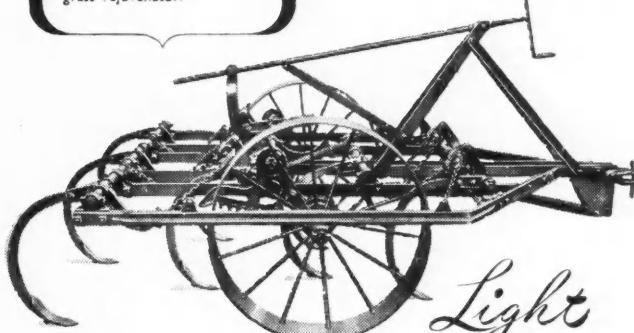
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DECLINE OF THE BIG HOUSE

MEMORIES of more spacious days are recalled by a chapter in Mr. R. C. Walmley's *Rural Estate Management* devoted to the mansion house. The author of this chapter, referring to the activities of a resident estate agent, remarks on the numerous social duties that he was expected to perform, and describes him as acting as liaison officer between the owner and the organisers of the various local functions that took place on the estate.

"In bygone days," we are told, "a resident Agent was generally involved in many very pleasant functions such as the Cricket Week in the Park, during which arrangements had to be made for the comfort and entertainment of the visiting teams. If he be a cricketer he would probably play for the Home Team. Meets of Hounds at the Mansion and sometimes the Hunt ball too, shooting parties, in which the Agent or sub-agent might be one of the guns, the Village Flower Show, founded Gymkhana and Fêtes in the Park and other such local functions all came to a greater or lesser degree within the duties connected with the Mansion."

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The agent had other duties, of course. He was responsible, as he is to-day, for the administration of the estate, but since money was plentiful and there was an abundance of labour, his task was not particularly exacting. For example, minor repairs could safely be left in the hands of the clerk of works or the foreman, and the agent's advice would be sought only when matters of importance arose and heavy expenditure had to be incurred. Even then his task was comparatively straightforward, since no licences were required. In no aspect of his work was he handicapped, as is his successor, by a maze of intricate and often incomprehensible regulations emanating from Whitehall.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

HAD anyone suggested in those spacious days that such houses as Chatsworth, Hatfield, Blenheim, Arundel, and Longleat, to mention but a few, would one day open their doors to the public for fee, the suggestion would have been received with disbelief. Evidence of the changed times is supplied by a list, published recently in *The Times*, of country houses that are open to the public or are being prepared to receive visitors during the summer. The list, which did not profess to be comprehensive—only houses of "special interest" were given—nevertheless comprised 67 names.

That the great houses of the country should be open to the public "cannot," as *The Times* stressed in an editorial note that accompanied the list, "but be good," since it leads to "more generally diffused knowledge of the character and contents of these houses, and a wider appreciation of what the lives that have been passed under their roofs have contributed to the nation's history and welfare." But in so far as these words paint a picture of a way of life that is fast disappearing (a way of life that is, perhaps, best described by the American expression "gracious living"), a feeling of regret must remain. Some great houses have been opened solely because their owners, with a fine sense of public duty, are anxious that others should share their inheritance. But the majority, even if this motive is present, are actuated by a more compelling reason: that of collecting money for upkeep and repairs which

they themselves can no longer afford.

HABERDASHERS BUY A YORKSHIRE ESTATE

COLD KIRBY, an agricultural estate near Thirsk, in the North Riding of Yorkshire, has been bought by the Haberdashers Company. The estate, which extends to more than 1,000 acres, includes most of Cold Kirby village. The sale was negotiated by Messrs. Jackson-Stops and Staff's Leeds office, acting on behalf of the vendors, and Mr. Philip J. W. Burges, surveyor to the Worshipful Company, who are one of the oldest of the Livery Companies, their first charter having been granted in 1448 by Henry VI.

LANDFORD MANOR TO BE SOLD

LANDFORD MANOR, the late Sir Frederick Preston's New Forest estate, will be offered at auction on May 17 at the British Legion Hall, Salisbury, by Messrs. Woolley and Wallis. Landford, which lies midway between Salisbury and Southampton, extends to 665 acres and includes a Tudor manor house, three corn and dairy farms, five smallholdings, and Landford Common (242 acres). The house, which is of mellow brickwork, and has stone mullion leaded light windows and a tiled roof, stands on a natural plateau that runs down to the Blackwater, a tributary of the Test. Three-quarters of a mile of trout fishing is included in the sale.

A REMARKABLE RESTORATION

WARDES, Otham, near Maidstone, Kent, which is for sale privately through Messrs. Knight, Frank and Rutley, and Messrs. E. J. Parker and Sons, was the subject of a remarkable feat of restoration early in the century. Wardes was an L-shaped group of dilapidated half-timbered cottages, part of which dated from the 14th century, when, in 1912, Sir Louis Mallett, at that time British Ambassador in Constantinople, saw the possibility of transforming them into a small country house. Assisted by his brother, Mr. Stephen Mallett, he began the task of restoration and the work, when completed, fully justified the care and money spent upon it.

Perhaps the most interesting feature of Wardes is the east section, which is an almost perfect example of a timbered house of Edward III's reign. It is indeed remarkable that a timber house built nearly 600 years ago should have survived and still be able to play its part as living accommodation. The 14th-century Great Hall, with its vaulted and beamed ceiling, is also noteworthy, and the great straining-arch and moulded tie beam surmounted by a king-post are most unusual. The same detail of roof construction is to be found in the Great Hall of Cobham College, near Rochester, which was founded in 1362.

Wardes has been completely modernised, and is offered with approximately eight acres of gardens and orchards.

PROCURATOR.

We regret that in our issue of April 21 we stated that Ham House and its grounds were ceded to the State in lieu of death duties. They were in fact presented to the National Trust by Sir Lyonel Tollemache, and his son, Mr. C. L. N. Tollemache. The Ministry of Works is responsible for maintaining the structure and gardens, and certain of the contents were purchased by the State for South Kensington Museum.



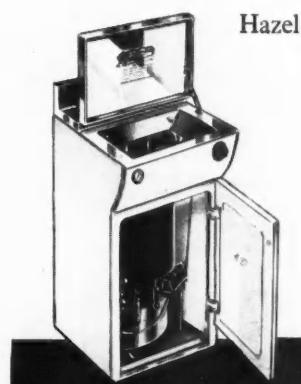
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WHAT MAKES A NOVEL'S FAME ENDURE?

Reviews by HOWARD SPRING

IN the English Novelists Series, published by Arthur Barker (6s. each), Mr. P. H. Newby raises an interesting question when writing of Maria Edgeworth. He admits that Miss Edgeworth's novels are "neglected and unread," and adds: "The common reader has a way of looking at the novelists of the past that is different from the critic's. He looks for pleasures that are more immediate than the realisation that whereas Jane Austen was so much the better novelist, Maria Edgeworth may be the more important. For whereas Jane Austen surveyed with the eye of a realist

Anyway, that is how it seems to the aged and reactionary mind.

Of course, the new thing is that Maria Edgeworth tried to do what were like those that engage the attention of many to-day. She tried to do little more than introduce a few new people as worthy of a novelist's consideration. She not only tried to do this: she did it; and if, even so, she is still not among those writers who are read by many people, then that is because there is something deficient in her quality as a novelist—that is, in the quality that makes her in the true sense important. For it is the liking

MARIA EDGEWORTH. By P. H. Newby
(Arthur Barker, 6s.)

THE SEEKER AND THE SOUGHT. By Marie Baumé
(Gollancz, 9s. 6d.)

POOR MAN'S ORANGE. By Ruth Park
(Michael Joseph, 10s. 6d.)

ground that had already been tilled, and brought it to perfection, Maria struck out and subdued stretches of new territory, the psychology of children, the dignified and humorous mind of the peasant . . . and so on and so on.

What Mr. Newby is here saying is that the importance of a novelist depends not on the perfection of his work but on the novelty of the experiences and of the social types that engage his attention. I think that he has failed to make an important distinction: the distinction between the history of the craft of letters and the history of achievement in letters.

READABILITY

It is most important that these two things should be seen as separate, and it is perhaps more important to-day than ever it was, for we are now being asked on all hands to admire, as achievements in art, works which are merely an experimental handling of new phases of experience. Some day, perhaps, an artist will come along who will be able to translate into art such a theme, shall we say, as that which Kafka deals with in *The Trial*. I have not read *The Trial*, but I have read a learned work on Kafka which seeks to tell me what it is about. Even so, I don't know what it is about; and it is my conviction that I would know if the book belonged to art and not, as it appears to do, to psychiatry. A work of art doesn't need the exposition of professors. It makes its own affirmation. A novelist, to be important, must primarily be readable. Seeing that his medium is the written word, it is precisely in so far as that word is limpid, unsullied and apprehensible that he is an important novelist. And it is precisely because Jane Austen is more readable than Maria Edgeworth that she is, and will always be considered, the more important novelist. To do perfectly and comprehensibly what you are trying to do is more important than to fiddle round with a few new tools which might help you to do it.

of the common reader, not the approbation of the critic, that is the test of a book's importance, though the book is twice blessed that has both. Emily Brontë is the only exception I can think of to what one might almost call a rule: that the novelists now called "classics" were, while living, the successful and popular novelists of their day. There are plenty of novelists successful in their day who are dead the day after, but these others, these "survivors" of immortality, were successful too.

Miss Edgeworth had the luck to be successful in her day. Why has she failed to last? My own view is that the failure is because of a lack of structure in most of her books. They have parts that are brilliant, diverting, full of a quick and vital perception. But these parts, by some fatality—perhaps because of the presence of her dominating father, for ever suggesting, supervising, even writing parts of the books—do not cohere into a work of imposing totality.

ADMIRE BY GREAT WRITERS

She was admired by many great writers. Scott and Turgenev professed to have learned from her; Ruskin thought her more informative than a blue-book, which is perhaps not the best praise of a novelist; Macaulay went to the limit, saying that a scene in *The Absentee* was the best scene written since Homer wrote the 22nd Book of the *Odyssey*. Jane Austen, too, put in her word of praise. Miss Edgeworth was well received when she went to France, but it is interesting that French critics are not much concerned with her. Madame de Staél speaks of her "depressing utilitarianism." Legouis and Cazamian, in their history of English literature, do not mention her, and Taine's only reference is disparaging. He drags her in in a sentence that trounces Thackeray: "It must be confessed, a volume of Thackeray has the cruel misfortune of recalling the novels of Miss Edgeworth, or the stories of Canon Schmidt."

But, when all is said and done

Maria Edgeworth is worth more than this disparagement would suggest. There is a good deal to be said for her, and Mr. Newby says it ably. She could not have had a champion who, while aware of her weakness, was better able to point out her strength; and it would be unfair to depart from the subject without a tribute to the writing of Mr. Newby himself. Again and again he brings us up in admiration at the sparkle and wit of his phrases.

NOVELS OF TO-DAY

And now, from this novelist of old to some novels of to-day. Miss Edgeworth was a great moraliser, which perhaps explains the dislike of the French critics, who no doubt shared Zola's view that a badly written sentence was the only sin a man of letters could commit. Mr. Newby has acutely seized on an important point about Faria's moralising. She thought it would "get somewhere." Her father had imposed on her a belief in the supremacy of the human mind. Point out the right way with its rewards and the wrong way with its inevitable punishments, and your readers would, by that much, be tilted towards the pursuit of good. To many people in Maria's day life did seem as simple as that, and so they could be gay, rather than sombre, in their very moralising. Speaking of the women writers of that time, Mr. Newby says that they "passed easily from moral reflection to an uninhibited enjoyment of the lighter side of life, a transition that (as compared with the Victorians) was all the easier for them because they were not obsessed by the guilt-consciousness that makes morality so tedious."

If, by the time of the Victorians, guilt-consciousness had developed in fiction, by this, our own, time it has become dominant and obsessive; and this is especially true of much American fiction to-day. The reason for this is not far to seek. America's isolation upon a continent which appeared to have limitless possibilities, politically and economically, permitted the Americans to sustain, for almost a century after they had ceased to be accepted elsewhere, the notions of progress and perfectability mechanically unfolding. Two wars in quick succession made the Americans aware of the world in general, of its precarious poise, and of their place in it. It was a rather late apprehension of what was already common knowledge elsewhere, and the consciousness of responsibility and guilt is acute.

GUILT OF A BUSINESS-MAN

It is to be found dramatically manifested in Marie Baumer's *The Seeker and the Sought* (Gollancz, 9s. 6d.). This is simply a brilliant sermon on the text "Am I my brother's keeper?" Walter Williams, a middle-class business-man in New York, is oppressed by a sense of futility and tries to shake it off. "I won't have this, he thought irritably. I have no reason to feel guilty. If a man wanted to feel guilty all he had to do was to read the newspapers." And again: "I guess I've felt guilty about a lot of things for a long time. How can you live through two wars and what comes after them and not feel guilty?"

The "outside"—the world beyond his circle of comfort—came clamouring at the door of his flat one night in the shape of a boy begging to be let in. "For Christ's sake, Mister, help me. You got to." Williams banged and banged the door. Then he heard the boy running, and the sound of

pursuing feet. Who—what—was that pursuer?

That is what Williams has to find out. He *has to*. All his guilt-consciousness pushes him on. He loses his job; he explores the haunted and horrible underworld of the city. He brings his search to an end—a terrible and unexpected end. And then, of course, according to the "morality" of Miss Edgeworth's day, he would have been a better man, having learned the lessons involved in being his brother's keeper. In fact, he has been so shocked that he wants nothing so much as to go back to his old job and be again the man he was before all this started. He *wants to*, but can he? We don't know. We only know that as he sat, convalescent, in the sunshine under the tree, he could not shut out of his ears the sound of weeping. "For quite a while he sat there listening to the weeping, but he could not tell from whence it came."

I found the book extraordinarily exciting, both in its psychological implications and as it developed in action.

IN THE SLUMS OF SYDNEY

Miss Ruth Park made a stir with her first novel *The Harp in the South*, which depicted the lives of a group of people living in the slums of Sydney; and in her new book *Poor Man's Orange* (Michael Joseph, 10s. 6d.) we go on in the company of the same people.

"How the poor live" might have been the book's title. Miss Park's outstanding ability is to make you see the picture she places before you. Her outstanding characteristic is compassion. Her Irish family is rapidly falling to pieces like the bug-ridden, rat-infested house they live in. Hughie, the father, is more and more a boozing braggart; Mamma is a shapeless wreck of a woman, battered by time and misfortune, but somehow holding the bits of the family life together. The story is essentially that of Dolor, the younger of the two daughters, who, her sister being dead, falls in love with Charlie, the sister's widower. He, with his daughter, a child rapidly getting out of hand, lives in the house with the rest of them.

Dolor and Charlie come through to some possibility of happiness in the end, but the way is terrible. Miss Park's picture of the waste of young lives, the fatuity and danger of the mechanisms they build up in their attempts at escape, are profoundly disturbing. She never sentimentalises poverty, but a doubt creeps in whether she does not sentimentalise "the poor." Everybody, however appalling their lives—boozers, prostitutes, brothel-keepers—is good at heart.

But, the doubt aside, one must admire the Hogarthian brilliance of her picture of this Australian Gin Alley. This is a repeat performance, and it will be interesting to see what the author can do when she steps on to a different scene with a more socially varied population.

AMERICANS visiting this country are likely to find *America in England*, by Eric Underwood and John Underwood (Frederick Muller, 7s. 6d.), a great stand-by. This handy illustrated pocket guide outlines the associations with the United States of some three hundred places, and contains, besides, biographical details of all the persons mentioned, and the pedigrees of the Penn and the Washington families. A list of places preserved by the National Trust that are of special interest to Americans is included.

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SUMMER EVENINGS

THE evening collections show that several accepted theories have gone by the board with the advent of the short evening skirt. This summer, many short frocks will look the height of sophistication, while it is often the long-skirted dresses that possess the artless charm that can be only really successful on the *ingénue*. The *robe de style* in the grand tradition appears in each collection, but it is capped by the magnificent handwork on some short-skirted evening dresses. These designs, svelte and moulded, carried out in filmy chiffons or in crisp sheer marquises or voiles, often sparkling with embroidery, intricately Shirred, ruffled, tucked or pleated, require great poise and real elegance to carry them off.

Many young girls feel that a dance loses a great deal of glamour if they do not wear a long-skirted frock, so there are débutante frocks cut in the most formal manner with long full skirts in crisp white *broderie anglaise* or embroidered organdie, in tucked and Shirred tulle or chiffon. Shoulders are generally bared and framed by ruffles or fichus to throw the small, polished coiffures of the summer into high relief.

For the fine cottons and guipure laces, white is easily the leader. Amber-yellow and lettuce-greens, shell-pink and aquamarine-blue



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Navy taffeta with braided seams and a dramatic white pleated organdie ruffle accenting the wide pointed collar
Susan Small

(Left) White embroidered organdie dance frock with two accordion-pleated ruffles at the hem, a third framing the oval décolletage. Lady in Black

appear again and again among the fragile materials. Still paler ones are reserved for the stiffer fabrics, the moirés, poult, brocade and satins, where the gleaming surface reflects the light and looks particularly effective in a translucent pastel.

Numbers of youthful-looking short dresses are shown, usually dual-purpose frocks. They are gay little frocks perfect for holidays for dancing in the country or by the seaside, or for wearing in the daytime, so they make useful items in any summer wardrobe. Some Batik cottons in dark blurred colours are particularly effective. There are, as well, crisp *broderie anglaise* dresses with gored skirts made up on a stiffened foundation and tight bodices with narrow shoulder straps and a rose tucked into one side that make a debonair young girl's dance frock.

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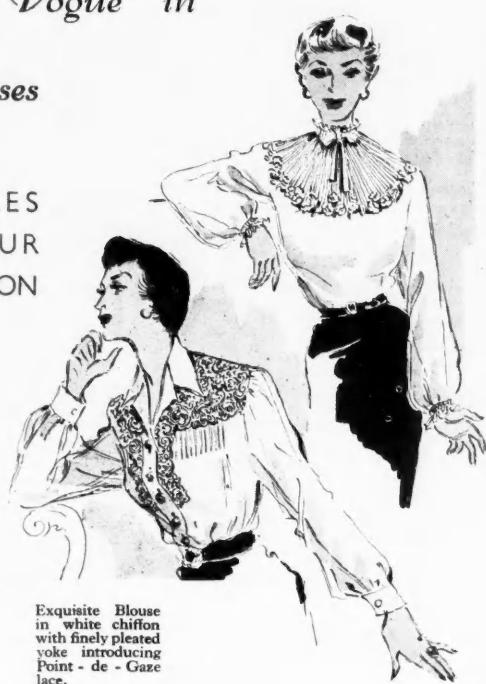
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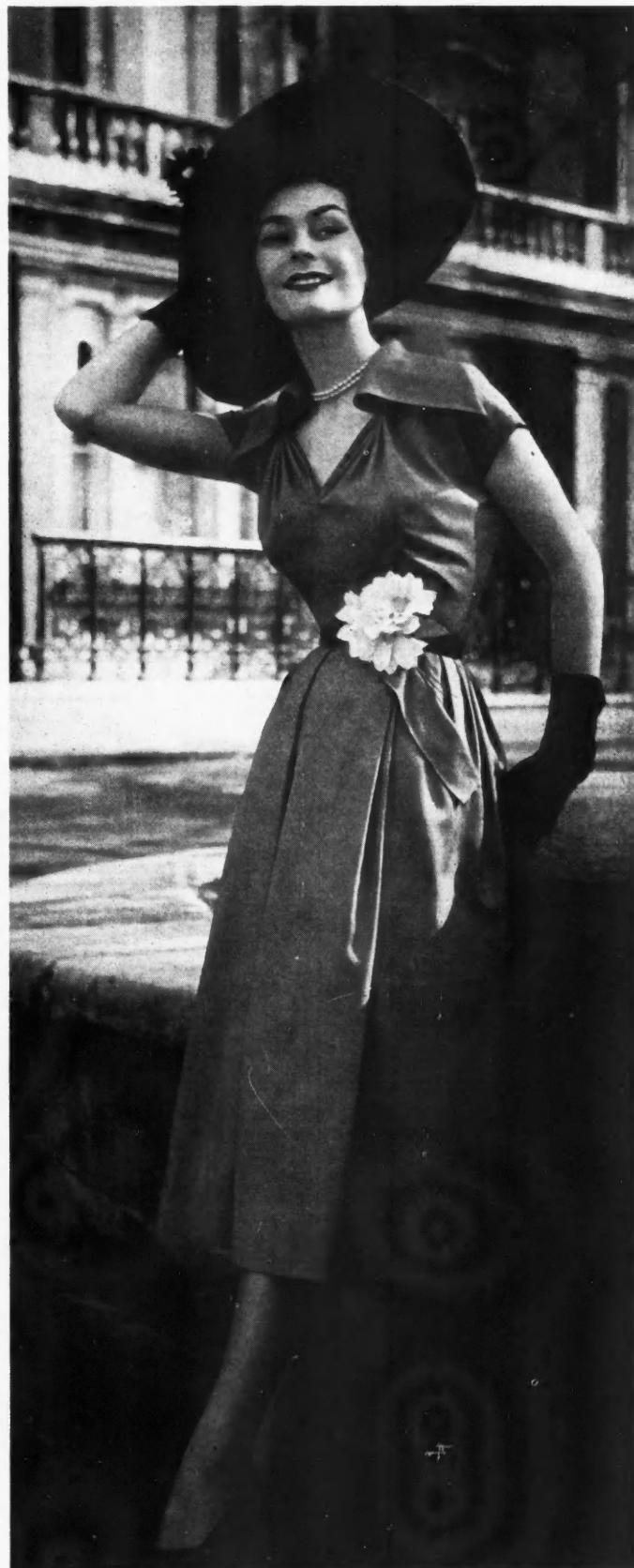
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a bodice with boat-shaped neckline or a strapless guipure lace top, is another fashion for summer that is easy to wear and appears with both long and short skirts, usually gored or pleated.

The dinner frock can also be both short or long; many women prefer a short frock, which enables them to show off their feet and ankles and is more practical for going to theatres and restaurants. The short black dinner frocks in this *genre* are extremely sophisticated, intended to be worn with boleros or jackets and evening hats or with long transparent coats, when they often have bathing-top bodices or very brief sleeves. One of the big successes for the summer is the short dress that is a tube of accordion-pleated chiffon or lace under a voluminous transparent coat in organza or chiffon, or a coat that falls from slim shoulders in flaring folds and is in taffeta or silk alpaca. These simple coats, cut on dust-coat lines, just cover dresses that are mid-calf length. High-heeled sandals laced with very narrow straps in gold or silver are worn with the chiffon dresses out to dinner, and narrow gold kid diamanté belts circle the waists. The short coarse lace frock is equally smart, tubular, and either white, écrù or black. The long dinner dress takes the form of a slim sheath of crêpe draped to one side and embroidered, an accordion-pleated chiffon with a narrow jewelled girdle and a top with broad folded shoulder straps, a stiff silk with either a halter décolleté made by a big pointed collar, or a low square neckline and tiny sleeves.

THE summer coat in organza or check taffeta made its appearance at the Roeliff and Chapman show of Ascot and garden-party clothes. The check taffeta was worn over a tubular dress in black, was collarless, flaring to the hem from narrow shoulders, and piped all round with red and black. Both dress and coat were fifteen inches from the ground. A full flaring navy organdie coat made up over white taffeta was cut on the same lines and floated over a chemise frock, also made in navy over a white foundation. Fragile navy lace circled the tubular skirt



Pendant earrings and a collar necklace in dark and light pearls. Debenham and Freebody

three times and more lace outlined the low square décolletage and made the shoulder straps. Dove-grey cotton piqué was an attractive innovation for young girls' dance frocks, both short and long. Both lengths were given a deep gathered frill framing boat-neck décolletages, and the edge of the frill was embroidered for about two inches to resemble guipure lace.

Another material shown with great success was a pin-tucked white romaine, which made a most slimming dress for a large woman. The matt surface and the self-striped effect are very easy for anyone of large proportion to wear. Another novelty was the ombre net that shaded from grey through paler greys to palest shell-pink and then on to vivid rose. This was made up with the colours running vertically from shoulder to hem and the full skirt was gauged at the bottom in three deep horizontal bands held by cords.

For white dresses some fresh bright pinks have been added to the cosmetic ranges. A stronger make-up than usual can be worn with a white frock at night to counteract the yellowed effect of artificial lighting, and an intensifying of the natural colouring is the prettiest. For the young fresh complexion Yardleys suggest a fuchsia lipstick with a pink pearl or cameo powder, and for a darker person a rose tan powder. The lovely vibrant blush rose that Elizabeth Arden has produced for summer is a wonderful shade to wear with white or black or the bright pastels which are going to be fashionable. It has plenty of blue in it which is becoming to the

pigment of the skins of most people and is altogether a fresher, clearer lipstick than the shades that have been in vogue during the winter.

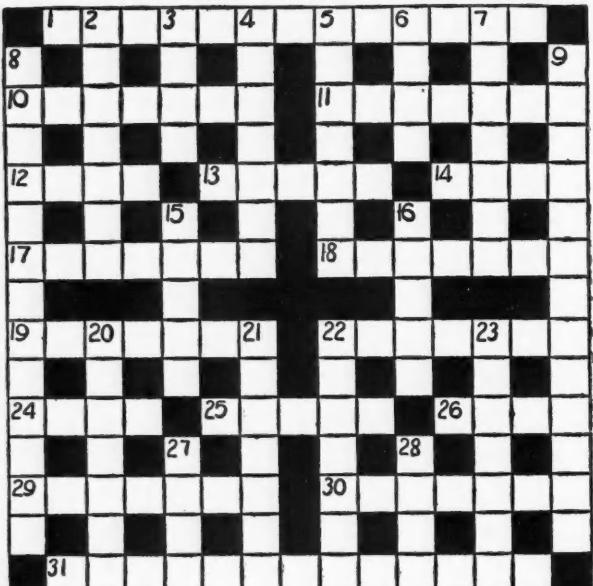
The fashionable tangerine has called up quite a different range of colours; lipsticks with a good deal of yellow in them or rich deep red, also darker powder; and much the same colours have been designed for holidays when one is sun-tanned. Copper red with a rose tan or honey glow powder is suggested by Yardleys especially for the older woman to wear with these tangerine and copper shades. P. JOYCE REYNOLDS.

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ACROSS

1. But not a subject of country gossip, it would seem (4, 2, 3, 4)
10. Florence Nightingale was one such Victorian (7)
11. From general to mere collector (7)
12. Is it a property-holder making an admission? (4)
- 13 and 14. Economist in the domestic sphere (9)
17. Hangs from 500 corners (7)
18. This is put paid with a vengeance! (7)
19. So called because schoolboys conceal them from their parents (or used to)? (7)
22. Work at which the wall-eyed should be proficient (7)
- 24 and 25. Is the remainder furrow for the bird to sit in? (9)
26. An old goal bird returns to the festival (4)
29. Irish county (7)
30. What the round arch seemed to the Gothic builders? (7)
31. A title G.B.S. owes to Virgil (4, 3, 3, 3)

DOWN

2. Here in France begin with a six but end negatively (7)
3. Part of the ship sometimes used for the whole (4)
4. Measurements the outcome of maths (7)
5. Source of a sailor's tall stories, perhaps (4, 3)
6. Actor who put all near him in the shade? (7)
7. Not lacking in desires, however (7)
8. Limerick was but not Dublin (6, 3, 4)
9. The championship does not depend on it (8, 5)
- 15 and 16. It does not mean there is a lack in the poem (5, 5)
20. Of two Rugby sides the less scrupulous, the more bespattered? (7)
21. "With many a tempest hadde his herd been shake"—Chaucer (7)
22. The swallow but not the sparrow (7)
23. Falls that break an article in a rag (7)
27. "In the Spring a livelier — changes on the burnish'd dove"—Tennyson (4)
28. A plot to take care of (4)

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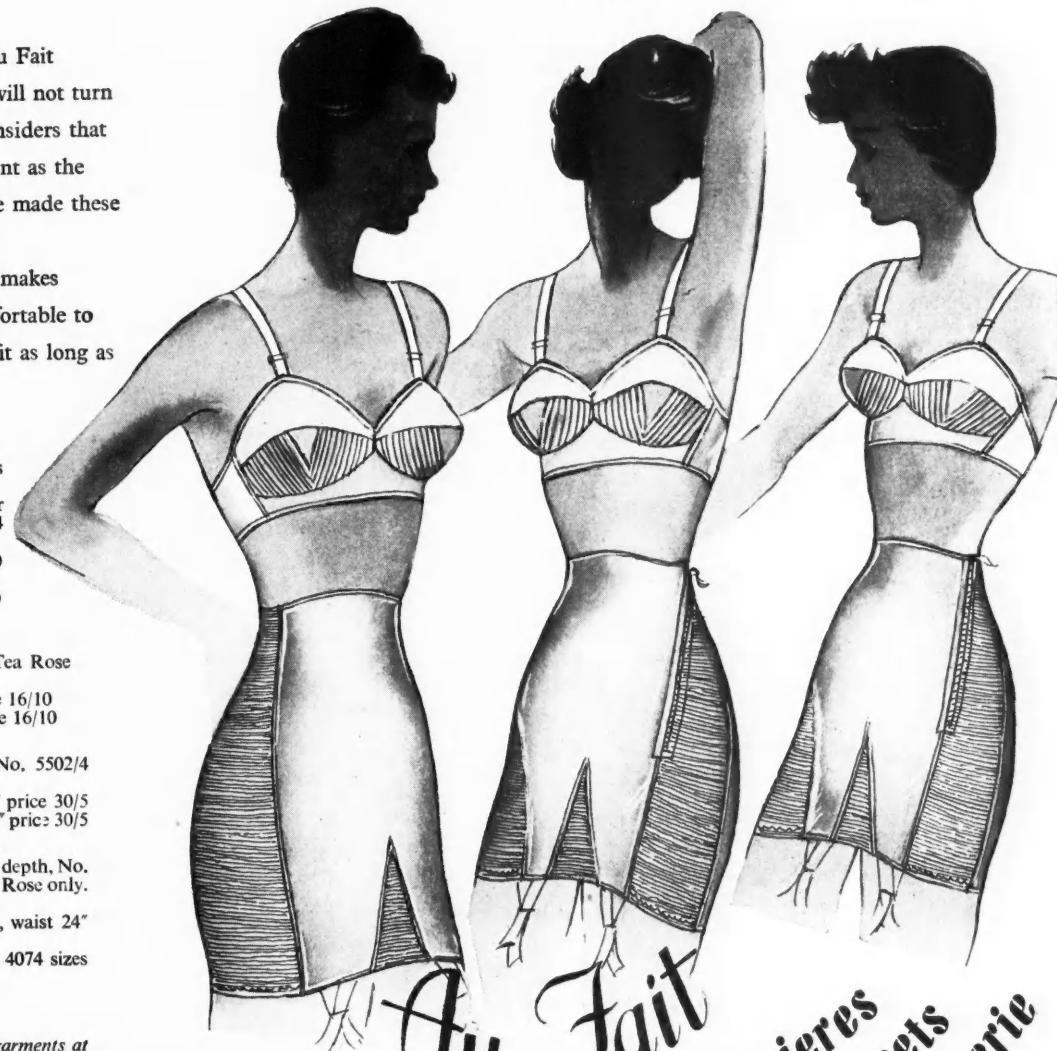
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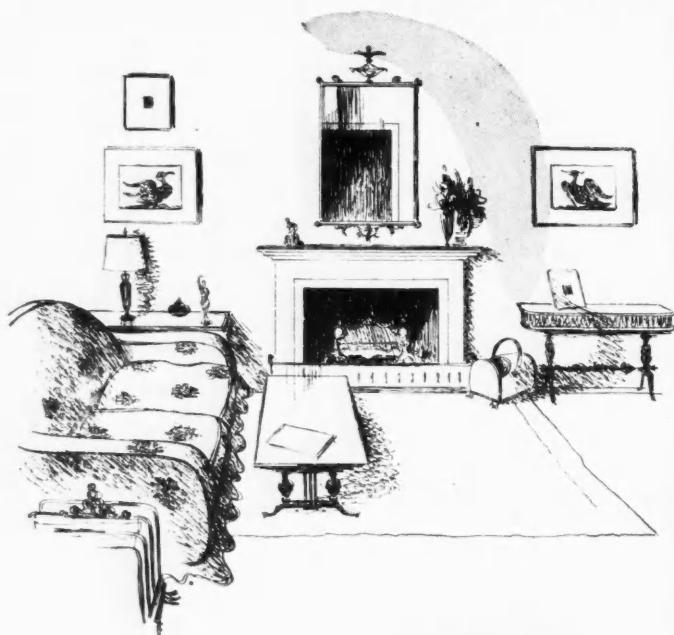
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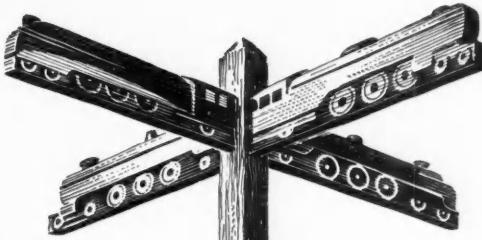
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